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Bootprints offer clue in slaying

- Sonia Varaschin was reported missing Aug. 30 after failing to show up at work
- Her blood-stained car, a white Toyota Corolla, was found in an alley the same day

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▶ OPP and Orangeville police display boots with tread patterns similar to those found during their investigation into the death of Sonia Varaschin in Orangeville.

The person who killed an Ontario nurse left behind some clues that police say could help them track the culprit — through his boots.

Forensic work has revealed that the killer of Sonia Varaschin wore a specific type of boot sold only at Mark's Work Wearhouse, said Ontario Provincial Police Det.-Insp. Mark Pritchard.

"We are reaching out to the public in the Orangeville area with what we believe is a key piece of information that will lead us to the killer," Pritchard told a news conference yesterday.

Whoever killed the 42-year-old Orangeville resident was wearing men's size 10 or 11 boots sold by the popular retailer under either the Wind River or Dakota brand name, he said.

Investigators are asking members of the public to think back to Aug. 30, when the killer may have come home with unexplained stains on his clothes or boots.

Pritchard said the person may have discarded the boots or bought new ones since then, or may try to get rid of them now that the information is public.

"A friend, co-worker or spouse will hold the key to solving this crime," he said, urging anyone with "doubts or suspicions" to contact police.

Pritchard said he doesn't believe the crime was random and police have said the person responsible likely knew Varaschin.

"We believe that Sonia's killer is very familiar with Orangeville, the outskirts of Orangeville, Sonia's neighbourhood, Sonia's townhouse complex and potentially Sonia herself," Pritchard said.

Pritchard said there were a "number of persons of interest" and numerous leads and tips in the case but would not talk about possible suspects.

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Did butter balls save the CNE?

In disappointing year, event official says deep-fried treat may have given Exhibition a boost

As the CNE struggles to maintain and even grow its audience, the future of the Canadian National Exhibition may just be coated with butter. One ball at a time.

Rename it the "Canadian Butter Exhibition" and they will come — with tongues drooling.

"It was extraordinary. Nobody predicted this success," David Bednar, 58, general manager of the CNE, said of the debut of deep-fried butter balls.

Bednar goes so far as to say the CNE might have received a boost from the calorie-rich treat (315 calories for a four-sample serving size).

Final attendance figures for the Ex won't be released until a board meeting in October, but Bednar expects the number to be either similar to or lower than last year's 1.32 million.

"Our attendance will probably be a little worse than expectations," Bednar said.

"I was amazed that this became as big as it was," Bednar said after the 132-year-old fair closed with a whimper, amid rain and following Saturday's cancelled air show.

Traditionally, the last weekend can make or break attendance. "Before the bad weather hit, we were heading to a good year," Bednar said.

The CNE is undertaking an outreach study to examine why more people aren't coming to the Exhibition.

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▶ Teri Uye, 16, who grew up in Toronto but now lives in Indiana, tries both the deep-fried butter and chocolate-covered bacon at the CNE.

Good neighbours

Scott and Vicky Skinkle, who run the place, had expected to sell 8,000 to 10,000 butter balls. Instead, they sold close to four times that amount: 9,000 orders, a total of 36,000 butter balls. That's 800 pounds, and $45,000 in revenue at $5 for four.

- "It's all my wife's creation," a proud Scott Skinkle, 39, said from London, Ont., where the couple were setting up for the Western Fair and another deluge of butter-ball fanatics.
- Vicky, 50, who says she toiled from 7:30 a.m. to midnight during the Ex, is looking forward to working on her next creation back home in Brantford. Whatever it is, it will be top secret. But her neighbours will know first. "My neighbours are my taste-testers," she said.

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Prison watchdog urges less isolation for mentally-ill inmates in new report. Video at metronews.ca/canada

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▶ Tim Hudak gets a hearty handshake from former Premier Mike Harris after winning the PC Party of Ontario leadership last year. With him is daughter Miller.

Harris backed early learning, expert says

Harris championed bill containing recommendations similar to ones that led to all-day kindergarten rollout

But caucus blocked legislation, says former adviser

Dalton McGuinty may be casting himself as the champion of all-day kindergarten, but apparently he wasn't the first Ontario premier who was keen on early learning.

Former Conservative premier Mike Harris was also enthusiastic about investing in early childhood development, said his former education guru.

Dr. Fraser Mustard, a Canadian pioneer on the subject, said Harris asked him to draft a proposed program on early development that would be part of a larger government initiative. Mustard went on to co-author a seminal report in 1999. But the premier's affinity for the project couldn't sway his male colleagues, he said.

$1.5B

Tim Hudak, the son of a principal and a teacher, has balked at the $1.5-billion price tag attached to the Liberal plan, but won't say if a Tory government would kill it.

"He liked the report," Mustard said in an interview. "His male caucus couldn't understand it."

The men in the Tory caucus, which would have included current party leader Tim Hudak, apparently found it difficult to grasp the concept that people are essentially products of their childhoods, he said. They also couldn't see how the initiative would win them any votes.

It did win the support of most of the women in the Tory caucus, with one or two exceptions, Mustard said.

"They all understood it ... but they couldn't force it through," he said.

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Stowaway scorpion hitches ride to Toronto

Billy Shawn was shocked when he spotted it near the wall, next to a pile of clothes waiting to be washed after a recent move from Mexico.

A brownish-yellow, eight-centimetre-long scorpion had made its way to his Park Road home in Toronto.

"I thought, 'You've got to be kidding me,'" Shawn said.

He suspects the skinny-clawed arachnid made the journey after crawling into a suitcase as his family packed to leave.

Shawn's wife, Nelly, is Mexican and the family had been living in Ixtapa for the past eight years. They moved to Toronto the last week of August so their three children could attend school, likely just for the year.

It is not the first run-in the family has had with a scorpion. Their three-year-old daughter was stung on the thumb about six months ago. Luckily, antivenom is fairly accessible in Mexico and the child made a full recovery, Shawn said.

But he is not so sure he could have saved his daughter this time had the potentially deadly stowaway not been found.

"In Mexico, we keep the antivenom at home," he said. "I doubt they'd have it here." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ This scorpion hid in Billy Shawn's suitcase before a journey from Mexico.

New to the zoo

- **Shawn's wife** thinks the creature is a "yellow scorpion," also known as a "deathstalker," a poisonous scorpion mainly found in Africa and the Middle East — but Tom Mason has his doubts.
- **According to Tom Mason, curator of birds and invertebrates at the Toronto Zoo,** it is illegal to keep a scorpion as a pet under city bylaws. But the zoo will gladly take it off his hands.
- **Shawn said he was excited** at the prospect of making the creature part of the zoo's arachnid collection.

United Way sets target of $113M

United Way Toronto has launched its biggest campaign in the city's history, announcing it wants to raise $113 million this year — the highest goal of any United Way in North America.

The target was unveiled at yesterday's campaign kickoff in the heart of the financial district, the TD Centre's courtyard.

Donors did it last year, raising an unprecedented $109 million, more than the $107.5-million target. While the economy hasn't fully recovered, campaign organizers are counting on the kindness of supporters to reach even higher heights. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

88 mischief charges laid in car case

Police say four people face 88 charges after two men and two women were seen damaging cars on a Toronto street.

Police say witnesses report the group approached parked cars and damaged them.

The damage was done with hands, rocks, bricks and other objects.

Police say 22 vehicles are known to have been damaged.

Jessica De Carvalho and Monica Cordeiro, both 18, and 20-year-olds Andrea Sechi and Anthony Belerique, all of Toronto, each face 22 counts of mischief.

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McTamney's still going for the gold

High gold prices bring customers through the door at James McTamney & Co. Ltd., one of the city's oldest businesses. "Gold is creeping up to $1,250 an ounce," said Christopher Shortt, co-owner with wife Floreen Shortt, "creating an aura that what you have in your drawer might be worth something."

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Low literacy in T.O. adults to rise: Report

Low literacy defined as having difficulty in reading, understanding, functioning with written materials

Canada's four largest cities are expected to see growth in the number of adults with low-literacy skills by 2031, with the biggest surge projected for Ottawa, says a report released yesterday.

Toronto will see a rise of 64 per cent in the number of adults with low literacy, projects the report from the Canadian Council on Learning. The city is predicted to see an increase from 1.9 million to nearly 3.2 million.

More than 15 million Canadian adults will have low-literacy skills by 2031, up 25 per cent from 2001. However, the percentage of adults with low-literacy skills in 2031 will actually dip to 47 per cent — a three per cent decline over a 30-year-period.

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Demographics

- While the total proportion of immigrants with low-literacy skills is expected to decrease over a 30-year span, the absolute number is expected to rise by 61 per cent — to more than 5.7 million by 2031.
- The growing number of seniors with low-literacy skills is another key factor in the projected overall increase. The council predicts that number will more than double to 6.2 million by 2031.

25K The report results are based on data in the 2003 International Adult Literacy Skills Survey, using a sample size of 25,000.

JIM RANKIN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Betty Johnson, 16, Aosan Farid, 15, Trenton MacDuff, 16, and Lucas Kucharski, 15, create a back story for Rio, a character in a course on financial literacy. Teacher Jeff Balch is using an innovative online course in his Grade 10 business class at London South Collegiate Institute to drive home the importance of understanding personal finance. The course, called The City, is federally funded through the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada.

McCallion confirms another run for mayor

The feisty 89-year-old mayor of Mississauga says she'll seek a 12th term in October's municipal election.

Hazel McCallion said she registered to run yesterday.

Known as Hurricane Hazel, she has served as mayor of the city since she was first elected to the post in 1978 and has often run unopposed.

In her first term, McCallion oversaw the orderly evacuation of hundreds of thousands of residents after a train carrying toxic chemicals derailed in a fiery explosion in November 1979.

McCallion has faced a couple of recent scandals, testifying at an inquiry into land deals involving her son and defusing a flap over the hazing of municipal workers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Hazel McCallion announces plans to run again in Mississauga yesterday.

Background

- Hazel Journeaux was born in Port Daniel on the Gaspé Coast of Quebec.
- After working in Montreal following business secretarial school, she was transferred by the Canadian Kellogg company to Toronto. She met and married her husband, Sam McCallion, soon after.
- As a marriage present from McCallion's in-laws, a piece of land in what would later become Mississauga was given to the newlyweds.
- She has three children, Peter, Paul and Linda, daughter-in-law Donna Marie married to Paul, and granddaughter Erika.

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Build subways, Ford says

Mayoral candidate unveils his transit plan, but critics say it would waste millions already spent

Rob Ford says it's time to call a ceasefire in Toronto's "war on cars" by building subways and scrapping streetcar lines — some of the old downtown routes, as well as the new Transit City light rail into the suburbs.

The frontrunner in the mayor's race claims his transportation plan, which promises faster trips for motorists and transit riders, won't cost residents another cent in taxes or tolls.

It relies primarily on raising $1 billion from private developers along subway lines and renegotiating the $3.7 billion Queen's Park has committed to Transit City.

But critics say Ford's not taking into account the heavy penalties, into hundreds of millions of dollars, the city would pay if it cancelled its TTC contracts for new streetcars and the wasted dollars for the design and engineering of new Transit City lines.

Ontario Transportation Minister Kathleen Wynne says she will work with any mayor Torontonians elect. But "anything that would slow us down is a problem," she said.

"I do not believe we can afford to delay the building of new transit in this city. We've got a plan, we're moving forward on it. I'm determined not to be stalled." Ford wants to build a 10-station extension to the Sheppard subway for $4 billion, taking it Scarborough Town Centre. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trails

Ford says he will use $50 million from the city's bike infrastructure budget to build 100 kilometres of off-road trails through ravines and unused green space. A further $5 million would go to on-road bike lanes where they wouldn't impede traffic and were deemed as acceptable locally.

RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Toronto mayoral hopeful Rob Ford claims his transportation plan won't cost residents another cent in taxes or tolls.

Plan talks delay

The plan suggests the light rail work on Sheppard Ave. would be halted and a light rail line planned on Eglinton, part of which is to run underground, is delayed. "We'll introduce new express buses using clean technology," says the video. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Toronto in 'wilful denial' over local gangs

Book delves into recent case that illustrates larger problem of gang violence and how it can go ignored

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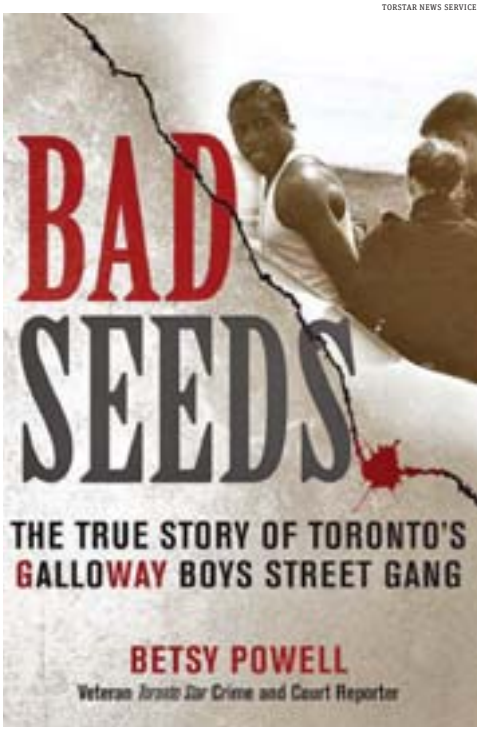

Gang violence may be here to stay in Toronto, though some residents of the city are in "wilful denial" about the problem, said the author of a new book.

Bad Seeds: The True Story of Toronto's Galloway Boys Street Gang by veteran reporter Betsy Powell focuses on the story of a fatal drive-by shooting in Toronto in 2004.

Brenton Charlton was killed and his friend Leonard Bell seriously wounded by gang members in a tragic case of mistaken identity.

Powell, who has been reporting for the Toronto Star since 1997, covered the case and the trial, and felt it never got the attention it deserved because the innocent victims just happened to be driving through a crime-ridden neighbourhood — gang turf.

"Unless it affects us we tend to put it out of our minds," Powell said of the "wilful denial" she sees in many Torontonians.

The story of the Galloway Boys and the gang's leader, Tyshan Riley, did not get much attention during the trial, which is why Powell said she felt compelled to write about it.

Talk about gun violence in Toronto and the name Jane Creba will likely come up. The 15-year-old was killed in 2005 when she was caught in the crossfire as a shootout erupted among Boxing Day shoppers on Yonge Street.

"The reaction people had was because (they thought), 'That could be me,'" she said.

For too long, the people of Toronto and the rest of Canada have lived in "blissful ignorance" that American gang violence didn't exist here, writes Ken Becker in the book's foreword.

"One of the lawyers said to me, 'If this had happened ... at Yonge and Summerhill (an affluent area of the city) this would be front-page news.'"
BETSY POWELL, REPORTER

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CANADIAN EMBASSY

Ontario to open D.C. office

Ontario will become the second province to open an office inside the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C., following Alberta's lead.

A spokeswoman for Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday that the office on Pennsylvania Avenue will "ensure that Ontario's interests are represented."

However, there was no word on exactly when Ontario will open its Washington office.

The New Democrats called the notion of an Ontario office inside the embassy in Washington "bizarre and peculiar," and said it was one more way for the Liberal government to reward its friends and supporters with plum postings.

Alberta opened its office inside the embassy in Washington in 2004.

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Waterloo RB banned for HGH

A first-year running back at the University of Waterloo has received a three-year ban from football after becoming the first North American athlete to test positive for human growth hormone (HGH). The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport said Matt Socholotiuk also tested positive for testosterone.

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News in brief

B.C. defers HST decision

PETITION. A decision by a B.C. legislative committee on the anti-HST petition has been put off.

The Liberal majority in the 10-member committee voted to adjourn debate on the issue until the next committee meeting Sept. 13.

Fight HST organizer Chris Delaney went into the meeting hoping the committee would make a quick decision and move the petition into the legislature for a free vote by MLAs. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Arrests made in cartel killings

MIGRANT DEATHS. Mexican marines have arrested seven gunmen suspected of killing 72 Central and South American migrants in the worst drug cartel massacre to date, the government announced yesterday.

Four of the suspects were arrested after a Sept. 3 gunbattle with marines, and the other three were captured days later, spokesman Alejandro Poire said at a news conference.

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Novelty is no toy: Doctors

HEALTH HAZARD. A 15-year-old boy damaged his eyes while playing with a laser pointer he'd bought over the Internet, say doctors who warn that dangerously high-powered versions are easily available online. One eye expert called it "a legitimate public health menace."

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▶ A protester has molasses poured on her to simulate oil from Alberta's oilsands. U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi was to discuss the oilsands with Canadian politicians at a private dinner last night.

Pelosi gets in on oilsands debate

- Stelmach wanted to vouch for oilsands' sustainability
- Green group: Premier 'misleading' U.S. delegation

One of the most powerful lawmakers in the United States surely got an earful about the Alberta oilsands from both supporters and detractors.

House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other U.S. officials were set to meet Canada's environment minister and the premiers of three provinces at a private dinner last night at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa.

Pelosi was joined by Ed Markey, chair of an important energy committee and co-author of an environmental bill working its way through the U.S. Senate.

A statement from Pelosi's office said they had "come to learn and listen at a time where the debate in Canada continues over oilsands and the future of energy security in North America."

Alberta maintains an office in the U.S. capital to help get out its message on the energy industry.

A recent study found high levels of heavy metals in Alberta's Athabasca River system are linked to oilsands facilities.

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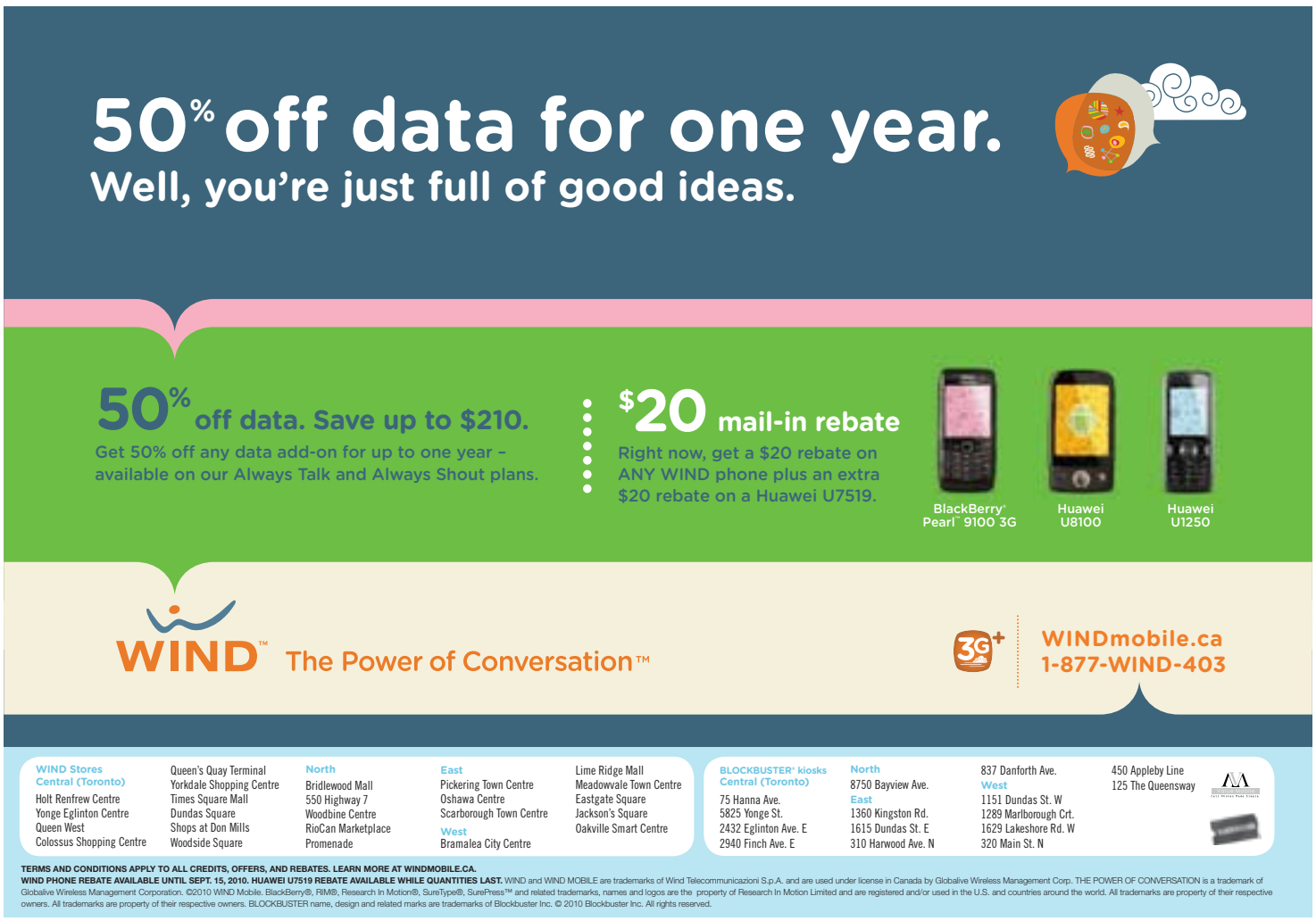

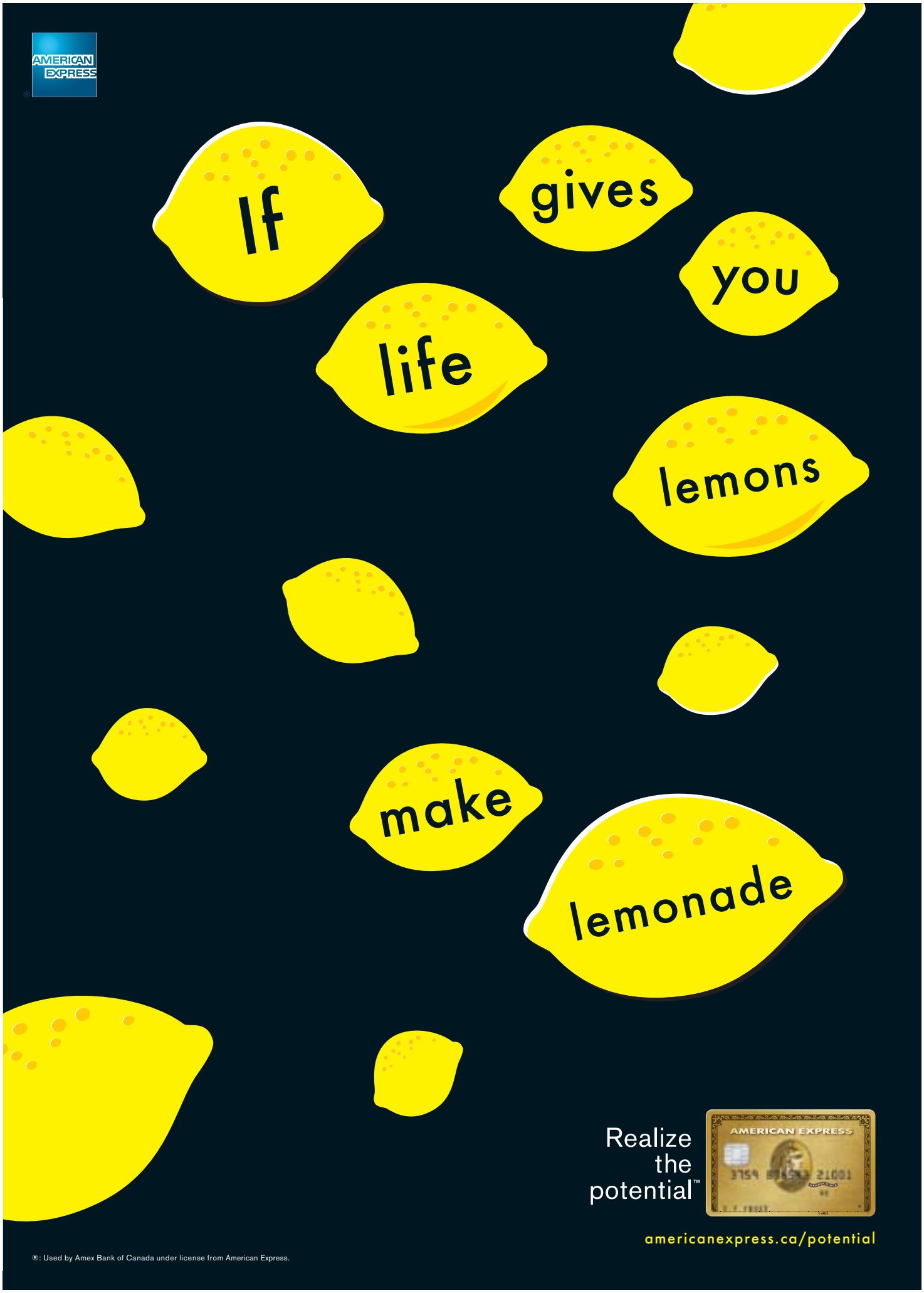
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BP's internal report accepts, doles out blame

Rig's owner calls BP's report self-serving Report acknowledges BP's engineers misread key pressure test

BP took some of the blame for the Gulf oil disaster in an internal report issued yesterday, acknowledging among other things that it misinterpreted a key pressure test of the well. But in a possible preview of its legal strategy, it also pointed the finger at its partners on the doomed rig.

The highly technical, 193-page report attributes the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history and the rig explosion that set it off to a complex chain of failures both human and mechanical. Some of those problems have been made public over the past four and a half months, such as the failure of the blowout preventer to clamp the well shut.

The report is far from the definitive ruling on the cause of the catastrophe. For one thing, government investigators have not yet begun to fully analyze the blowout preventer, which was raised from the bottom of the sea last weekend.

But it provides an early look at the company's probable legal strategy — spreading the blame among itself, rig owner Transocean, and cement contractor Halliburton — as it deals with hundreds of lawsuits, billions of dollars in claims and possible criminal charges in the coming months and years.

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Self-serving?

The BP report's conclusions stand in contrast to a BP ad campaign in which the company casts no blame for the explosion.

- BP's report said it was a bad cementing job that contributed to the blowout.
- It also said "more thorough review and testing by Halliburton" and "stronger quality assurance" by BP's well team might have identified weaknesses in the plan for cementing.
- The word "fault" shows up 20 times, but only once in the same sentence as the company's name.

Burning. Anger

▶ Sri Lankan opposition supporters burn an effigy of President Mahinda Rajapaksha yesterday as police block them during a protest in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

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Sri Lanka's president wants to stay

Sri Lanka's parliament yesterday began debating a controversial amendment to the country's constitution that would allow President Mahinda Rajapaksa to hold unlimited number of terms, a move critics say could lead to a dictatorship.

Cop gets 40 years for rape

A police officer in Rhode Island who raped a woman inside an empty police substation has been sentenced to 40 years in prison. His lawyer had argued that any sexual contact was consensual.

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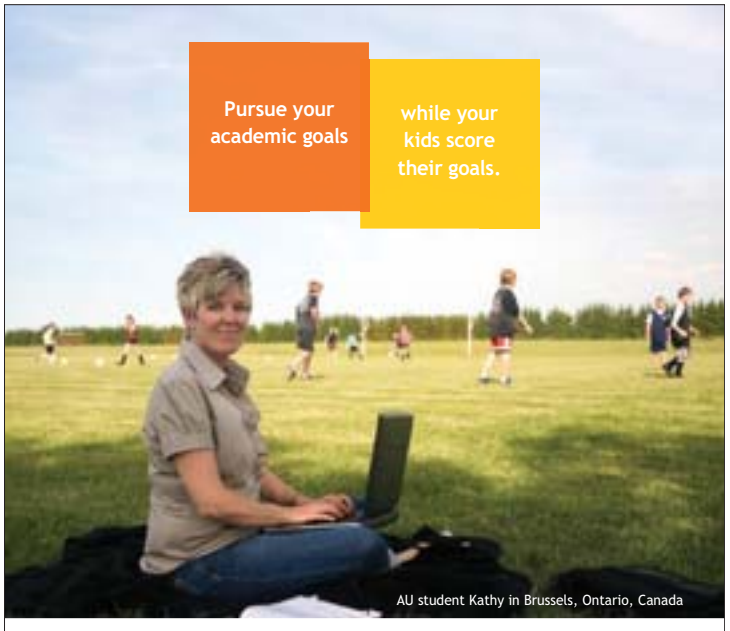

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Give peace a chance, that's Rosh Hashanah's message

Pessimism tinges the new year in Israel

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▶ A musical instrument used in Jewish religious ceremonies is made from the horn of a ram. Here, a worker in a Tel Aviv workshop that makes the instruments holds a ram's skull.

Israelis ushered in the Jewish new year, or Rosh Hashanah, at sundown yesterday with a sense of pessimism that a new round of U.S.-sponsored Mideast talks can achieve peace.

U.S. President Barack Obama wants a deal within a year, but Israelis are deeply skeptical after decades of failed efforts.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu acknowledged the widespread doubts.

"There are many obstacles, many skeptics, and many reasons for skepticism," he said in a holiday address.

Obama wished Israelis a happy new year in a front-page greeting in Yediot Ahronot, and expressed hope the new peace talks would succeed.

A second round is slated for next week in Egypt.

Across Israel, Jews were far more excited about Rosh Hashanah than renewed peace talks.

They cleaned frantically, rushed to crowded marketplaces, cooked and clogged the highways en route to family dinners to mark the start of the two-day new year's festival.

In Jewish west Jerusalem, the outdoor market of Mahane Yehuda was teeming with shoppers closely examining fruits and vegetables, piping-hot breads and sticky honey-glazed cakes.

Sales in two popular holiday items — honey and pomegranates — were also brisk.

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HOLIDAY

Prayer ... and days at the beach

Observant Jews prepared for long hours in synagogues over the holiday.

Highlights of the ritual include the sounding of the shofar, a trumpet made of a ram's horn, and dipping an apple in honey to symbolize a sweet new year.

At the same time, hundreds of thousands of secular Israelis were taking advantage of a four-day weekend.

With a heat wave in full swing, beaches on the Mediterranean and the Sea of Galilee were expected to be full.

The holiday begins a 10-day period of soul-searching solemnity leading up to the fast day of atonement, Yom Kippur.

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▶ Pastor Terry Jones tells the world yesterday: Qur'an burning will go ahead as planned.

Qur'an burning pastor defiant: This is holy war

'We have no intention of cancelling,' he declares

The Florida pastor who plans to burn the Qur'an on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks is rooted in Pentecostal tradition that believes Christians are engaged in a spiritual battle with evil.

For Terry Jones and his Dove World Outreach Center, Islam is that evil.

"Our burning of the Qur'an is to call the attention that something is wrong," Jones said yesterday outside his Gainesville church. "It is possibly time for us in a new way to stand up and confront terrorism."

Jones is under world pressure to drop his plan to burn copies of the Muslim holy book Saturday.

Condemnations have poured in from Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan; U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton; the Vatican; and elsewhere.

"As of this time, we have no intention of cancelling," Jones said.

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Failed warriors?

There is no sign Jones will be persuaded by other Christians to back down.

- He is as critical of them as he is of Islam.
- He calls other pastors failed religious warriors in a secular world bent on silencing Christians.
- "The problem is the church has laid down," he has said. "The church has given up."

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The Ontario Lottery and Gaming says the overall odds of winning the top Poker Lotto prize of $100,000 are approximately one in 2.6 million.

Tory leader: Government should not be chasing Ontarians' money

Ontario's opposition parties don't like a new poker-based lottery that started this week.

The Progressive Conservatives and New Democrats both accuse the Liberal government of using the new lottery to squeeze money out of people who can't afford it.

Poker Lotto is designed to take money from the poorest Ontarians, said NDP justice critic Peter Kormos.

"(Premier) Dalton McGuinty sees himself as something of a card shark," Kormos said, "but Ontarians should know that he's dealing from the bottom of the deck."

The Tories also questioned the need for a new lottery game, but stopped short of the New Democrats' call for a moratorium on new lotteries until studies are done on the social impact of the games.

"It strikes me that all Dalton McGuinty is interested in is taking more money out of the pockets of Ontario families," said Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak.

"It's not the job of the OLG to shake down the Ontario public and this is a shakedown, and the public is not being dealt a fair hand."

PETER KORMOS, ONTARIO NDP JUSTICE CRITIC

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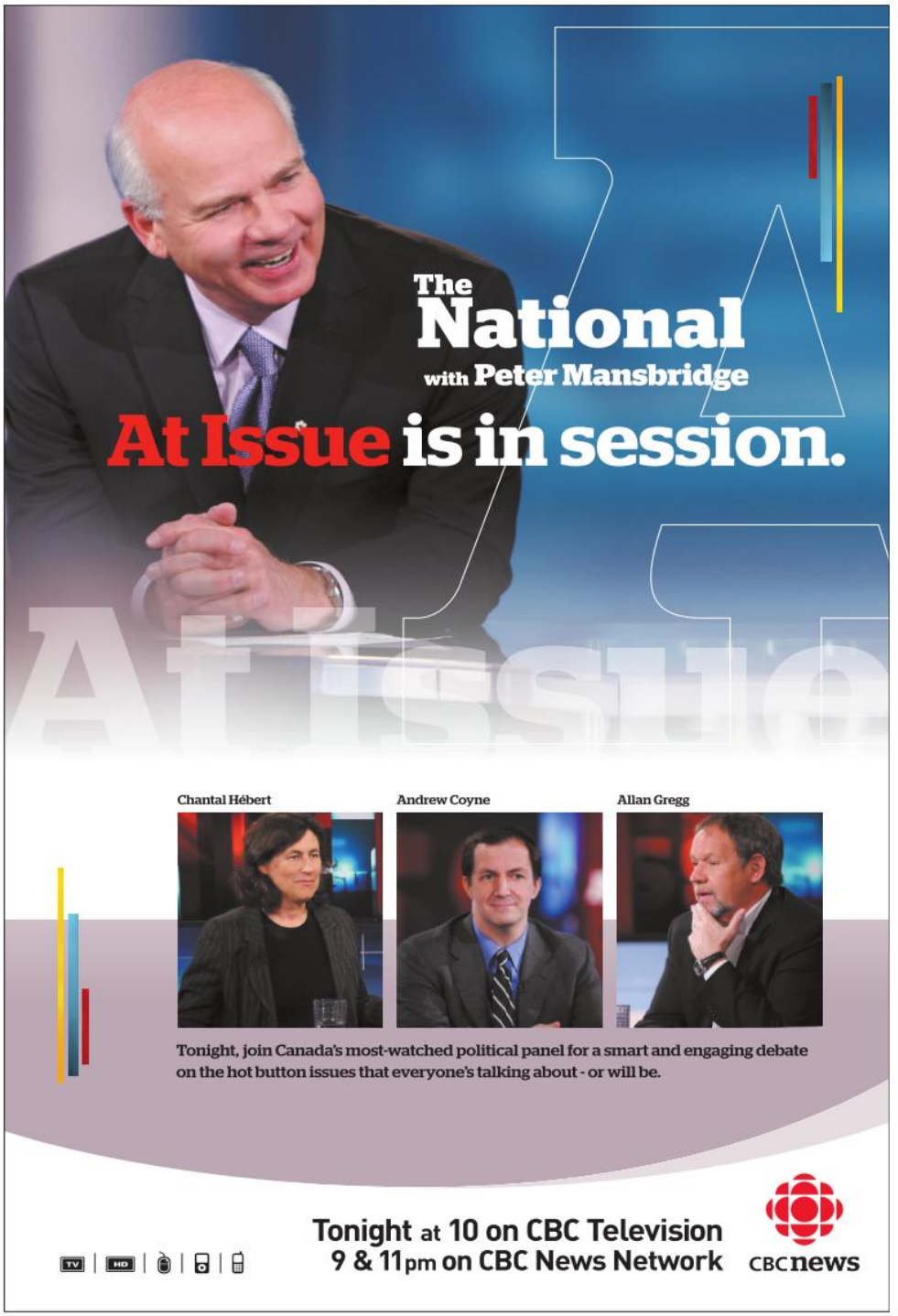

Groups to use species act against oil sands

As U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi discussed oil sands concerns in Ottawa, a court action began yesterday in Edmonton that could deliver another hit to the beleaguered industry.

Environmental and aboriginal groups hope to use the Species At Risk Act to force federal Environment Minister Jim Prentice to protect woodland caribou herds in northeastern Alberta that are rapidly shrinking in the face of oil sands and forestry development.

"What we're asking is that the court order the minister to recommend an emergency protection order for the caribou of northeastern Alberta," said Barry Robinson, a lawyer with the group Ecojustice.

The groups filed two notices in Federal Court yesterday saying that legislation obliges Prentice to step in to protect the herds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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EU slams Iran's justice system

Stoning sentence for woman accused of adultery suspended, but not cancelled Iran accuses Western countries of turning case into political charade

Germany, the European Union and a major human rights group slammed Iran yesterday for its plans to stone a woman convicted of adultery, increasing the global pressure on Tehran over a case it has tried to present as a criminal matter and not one of human rights.

The case of Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, a 43-year-old mother of two, has cast a harsh light on Iran's version of Islamic justice and taken multiple twists.

Iran appears to have put the stoning on hold for now but has also indicated Ashtiani could be hanged for her conviction of playing a role in her husband's 2005 murder.

Even as Iran insists the case is a matter for its own courts and society, the global outcry has grown.

Yesterday, the European Union Parliament in Strasbourg, France, passed a resolution condemning Tehran. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Award. Amid controversy

▶ Kurt Westergaard arrives for a press conference prior to the award ceremony.

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Cartoonist wins coveted award

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Skin infections pose risk to miners

Rescuers have sent down antibiotics and ointments and were working yesterday to blast cool, dry air to 33 miners trapped a half-mile underground for more than a month.

All the men have suffered from skin sores, foot fungi or abrasions, and infections could prove dangerous in the sweltering heat and humidity, with rescue at least six weeks away.

Scrapes, cuts and infections like athlete's foot and jock itch are usually just minor annoyances. But trapped as they are in unrelenting 30 C heat, with humidity at 88 per cent, the miners don't have any way of drying out.

In videos transmitted from down below, the miners can be seen shirtless and sweating.

In such an environment, any open wound presents a serious risk, so the miners have been instructed to use extreme caution. A simple cut from moving rocks could lead to dangerous infections, Chilean Health Minister Jaime Manalich told the Associated Press.

The constant exposure to moisture creates the possibility of infections, especially when the men are living and sleeping together in close quarters and can't shower, according to Dr. Boni Elewski, a dermatology professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

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Trapped

It's unclear how long the miners will be trapped underground.

- **No end in sight.** It could take until December to drill a hole big enough to pull the miners out, says the Chilean government.
- **Rescue attempt.** Two massive drills are being used, one widening existing bore holes and the other forging a new opening.

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▶ Relatives of trapped miners wait outside the San Jose mine yesterday in Copiapo, Chile. The 33 miners have been trapped deep underground in the copper and gold mine since it collapsed Aug. 5.

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Surprise! Here's a cub

Handlers at Calgary Zoo didn't know 10-year-old tiger was pregnant Cub needs intensive care; officials 'hopeful' for survival

A tiny Siberian tiger cub was in the zoo equivalent of neonatal intensive care yesterday after its surprise birth 24 hours earlier.

Staff at the Calgary Zoo were unaware that the cub's mother, 10-year-old Katja, was pregnant.

She actually gave birth to two cubs, but one died soon afterward.

Keepers were doing what they could to save the remaining animal, an unnamed female.

They put its odds of survival at 50 per cent or less.

"She is stable," said Sandie Black, head of veterinary services at the Calgary Zoo.

"We're working hard to move her from tube feeding to bottle feeding.

"It's sort of round the clock right now, with feeding and monitoring and keeping her temperature up. She's on antibiotics, so we're hoping. It's guarded but we're very hopeful."

Black said it's not unheard of for tigers to get pregnant without their handlers knowing.

She said numerous attempts to breed Katja were made last January with a nine-year-old male tiger named Baikal from New York's Bronx Zoo.

"If you think about the relative sizes, our female tiger weighs over 300 pounds — the cubs weigh less than two pounds each. So they are a very small entity in a very large body. Additionally, these are Siberian tigers, (they have) a very thick fur coat," Black said.

"She's a little bit pendulous in the belly and actually there's at least another half-dozen occasions where this has happened in zoos where they haven't been aware of a pregnancy."

Black believes the other cub died because Katja was an inexperienced mother.

"We believe she picked up and moved the cub inappropriately. This wasn't an aggressive act at all — just an inexperienced mum. If you think about that image of a cat carrying a kitten around the shoulders — well, she just hasn't got it quite right yet."

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▶ Calgary Zoo staff are working around the clock to care for a newborn Siberian tiger cub.

Tigers in trouble

Siberian tigers are considered endangered and the population continues to decline.

Census estimates indicate that there are fewer than 400 adult/sub-adult Siberian tigers left in the wild.

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Taliban leader doles out advice to Americans

Mullah Omar has not been seen in public since the Taliban were driven from power following 9-11

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▶ Mullah Omar reportedly seen in this photo.

The Taliban's shadowy leader told Afghans yesterday the insurgents are winning the war and warned Americans they are wasting lives and billions in tax dollars by continuing in the conflict.

In an end-of-Ramadan message posted on jihadist websites and relayed by the Site Intelligence Group, Mullah Omar said the Americans and their allies will soon leave the country. The rarely photographed Taliban leader is reportedly seen in this undated photo.

Mullah Omar urged his fighters to adhere to his code of conduct and avoid harming civilians — instructions U.S. commanders say the Taliban frequently ignore.

"The victory of our Islamic nation over the invading infidels is now imminent and the driving force behind this is the belief in the help of Allah and unity among ourselves," Mullah Omar said. "In the time to come, we will try to establish an Islamic, independent, perfect and strong system."

U.S. officials believe Mullah Omar is hiding in Pakistan despite denials by Pakistani authorities.

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Harper. B.C.

▶ A protester makes a statement as Prime Minister Stephen Harper's motorcade passes by.

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Harper visit sparks protests

Protesters wave signs yesterday at Prime Minister Stephen Harper's motorcade following a tour of the Vancouver Island University Centre for Shellfish Research in Deep Bay, B.C.

Watchdog criticizes jail deaths

The federal prison ombudsman says the practice of locking up mentally ill offenders alone for long periods must end to help cut the risk of death behind bars.

Howard Sapers, the correctional investigator, also calls for round-the-clock health care at medium- and maximum-security prisons, more rigorous patrols and head counts, better education for front-line staff who respond to crises, and stronger accountability and oversight.

"This is challenging work. There aren't any shortcuts," Sapers told a news conference as he released an extensive report yesterday on the Correctional Service's response to deaths in custody.

Sapers concludes many of the same structures and policies that failed teenager Ashley Smith three years ago remain in place.

He has harshly criticized the prison service over the 2007 death of 19-year-old Smith, who choked herself with a strip of cloth at the Grand Valley prison in Kitchener.

Video evidence shows staff failed to respond immediately to the emergency. Sapers found Smith received only a cursory mental health assessment, care and treatment.

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Regulator's independence questioned

- Inquiry into offshore helicopter safety continues
- Oil industry argues the system works fine as is

A deadly helicopter crash off Newfoundland raises serious questions about whether the offshore oil regulator is as independent as it should be, says a lawyer for the families of the victims.

Jamie Martin's remarks yesterday to an inquiry into offshore helicopter safety ran counter to the stance taken by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.

The umbrella group for oil companies says there's no need for regulatory change.

The inquiry was called after Cougar Flight 491 crashed into the North Atlantic about 55 kilometres east of St. John's, N.L., March 12, 2009, killing 17 of 18 people onboard.

Inquiry head Robert Wells is hearing final presentations this week as he prepares recommendations on how to make helicopter travel as safe as possible. He is expected to report by the end of October.

Martin drew on emotional testimony given Feb. 10 by family members of the offshore workers who perished.

They offered moving accounts of their loved ones' concerns about helicopter malfunctions, training, ill-fitting immersion suits and lack of safety information. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Conflict

Critics say the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board is in a conflict of interest because it's tasked with both developing offshore resources and protecting workers and the environment.

Texas. Flood

▶ Greg Moore, a local business owner, rides a recreational water vehicle down a flooded road yesterday in Belton, Texas, to access his business. Tropical storm Hermine moved through the area earlier, killing one person and also flooding Arlington.

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NASA

Leaky pipe delays launch

A water main break at NASA's spaceport has launch preparations on hold for the next-to-last shuttle flight.

Space shuttle Discovery was supposed to be moved yesterday from the hangar to the giant Vehicle Assembly Building at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. That's where the fuel tank and booster rockets are attached to a shuttle.

But the water main break forced NASA to close the space centre to most personnel. And Discovery's short trip from one building to another was delayed until at least today.

Discovery is supposed to blast off Nov. 1 with supplies for the International Space Station. NASA says yesterday's trouble will not affect the launch date. Endeavour will follow in February to close out the shuttle program. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

British PM's father dies of stroke

British Prime Minister David Cameron's father died in France yesterday after suffering a stroke while on vacation, the leader's office said. Cameron flew to a hospital in Toulon in southern France to be at his 77-year-old father's side, spokesman Steve Field told reporters.

Field said Cameron planned to stay in France overnight, but remained in charge of British affairs.

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▶ Nicole Polizzi, better known as Snooki from the MTV show Jersey Shore, walks with her attorney Raymond A. Raya into in court yesterday in Seaside Heights, N.J. Polizzi faced charges of being a public nuisance and annoying others on the Seaside Heights beach in July.

Snooki fined for being a nuisance

Jersey Shore star thanks judge on Twitter for being understanding after negotiated plea deal in court

Calling her "a Lindsay Lohan wannabe," a judge fined Jersey Shore star Nicole (Snooki) Polizzi $500 yesterday and ordered her to perform community service after she pleaded guilty to disturbing others on a beach in July.

Her lawyer said Polizzi was under the influence of alcohol when she stumbled around the beach in Seaside Heights, using loud language that disturbed other beachgoers.

Municipal Court Judge Damian G. Murray lectured Polizzi, borrowing from Dean Wermer's speech to Flounder in the movie Animal House in which the dean admonished the wayward student that "fat, drunk and stupid is no way to go through life."

"If this was your idea of a good time, it appears your recent celebrity has affected your judgment."
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"Rude, profane, obnoxious and self-indulgent is not the way to live your life," the judge told Polizzi.

The judge also questioned whether Polizzi had staged the event for the show. Cameras were rolling as she stumbled around the beach on July 30.

"It was not scripted, sir," Polizzi replied.

She was sentenced to two days of community service. He gave her credit for one day of community service, which she spent quietly on Sunday at a zoo for abused or neglected animals.

The remaining day of community service will be served in the next few weeks with the public works department, though the exact assignment has not yet been determined.

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Remove fallopian tubes to prevent cancer: Experts

B.C. researchers are urging gynecologists to remove a woman's fallopian tubes during a hysterectomy or tubal ligation as a means of preventing ovarian cancer, one of the deadliest malignancies affecting Canadian females.

Researchers from the B.C. Cancer Agency and Vancouver General Hospital are asking all gynecologists in the province — and indeed across Canada — to change the standard surgical practice of leaving the fallopian tubes intact when performing the surgeries.

The fallopian tubes, the conduits for eggs between the ovaries and the womb, have typically been left in place because doctors saw no reason to remove the structures when taking out the uterus, especially if the ovaries were also left untouched.

In a tubal ligation — or getting one's "tubes tied" — the fallopian tubes are not removed but severed and sealed or clamped shut to prevent conception.

But Dr. Sarah Finlayson, a gynecological oncologist at Vancouver General, said recent research has shown that at least half of the cases of the deadliest form of ovarian cancer originate in the fallopian tubes — not the ovaries.

That malignancy, called a high-grade serious tumour, represents about 70 per cent of all ovarian cancers. And because there is no screening test and symptoms can be non-existent or vague, diagnosis too often occurs once the cancer is at an advanced stage and has spread to other tissues.

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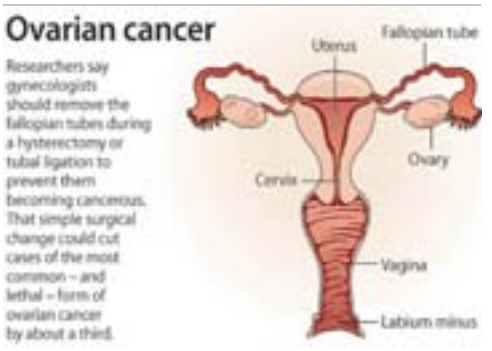

Genetics

- The research team, made up of surgeons, oncologists and pathologists, also made another important discovery: They found one in five serious tumours occur because a woman carries a BRCA genetic mutation. Women with a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation have an elevated risk of developing breast and/or ovarian cancer.
- That's why the researchers want every women diagnosed with a high-grade serious tumour to be referred for genetic testing and counselling.
- These two steps — changing practice to remove the fallopian tubes and genetic testing — "will allow us to decrease the rate of ovarian cancer in B.C. by up to 50 per cent," in 20 years, Dr. Blake Gilks, a pathologist with B.C.'s Ovarian Cancer Research Program, said in a statement.

"Something that we had thought of in the past as an ovarian cancer is really, in fact, a fallopian tube cancer," said Finlayson.

The Canadian Cancer Society estimates that 2,600 Canadian women will be diagnosed this year with ovarian cancer of one form or another; about 1,750 will die of the disease. High-grade serous carcinoma is the most common form of ovarian cancer, accounting for 90 per cent of advanced-stage ovarian cancer.

Finlayson said most post-menopausal women who have a hysterectomy have their fallopian tubes taken out along with their ovaries, which stop producing estrogen over time.

"So it's really the pre-menopausal women we're interested in talking to or getting this information out to."

Researchers aren't sure why tumours arise in the fallopian tubes.

But they speculate that an infectious or inflammatory process may occur during a woman's monthly period that sets up a repeated process of injury and repair, eventually leading to cancerous lesions.

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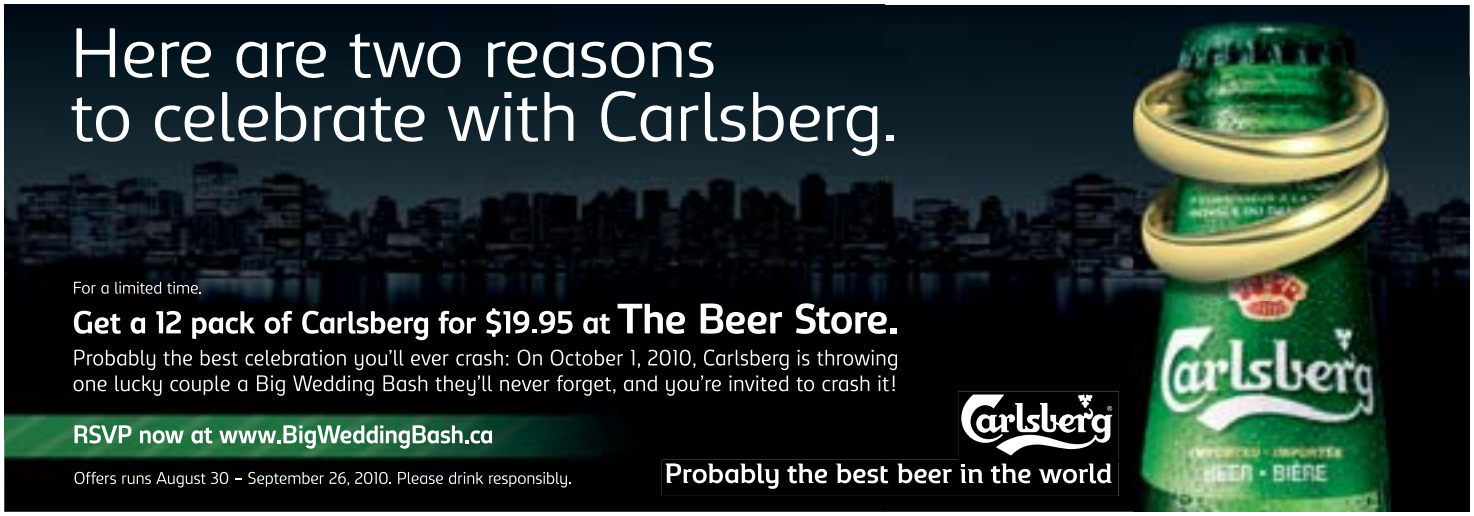

CHILI - the red hot way of losing weight!

Eating chili can make you lose weight by speeding up your metabolism and burning fat, scientists have found. Researchers show that heat generated by the spicy food oxidizes layers of fat as well as increases metabolism.

Now those with sensitive taste buds can also benefit from peppers without having to endure the stinging aftertaste. An equivalent of the main chili ingredient, capsaicin, has been found in a non-spicy variety. This means that we can gain the fat burning effect of chili without the risk of stinging our taste buds or stomachs. This non-spicy version of chili is now found in supplement form.

Clinically proven to burn fat!

Researchers at the University of California studied the effects of chili on the diet after becoming intrigued at the manner in which the spicy fruit makes those who eat them sweat. They fed 34 men and women a low-calorie diet, supplemented with either non-hot version of pepper or placebo pills.

They found that levels of energy expended by those given the highest amounts of capsaicin were almost double those of the subjects who had been given the placebo.

Green tea and chili - The strongest combination for fat burning

The current best selling natural ingredient for fat loss is green tea. Now studies show that chili and green tea together complement each other and burn more fat than either one alone. Scandinavian manufacturer New Nordic has recently launched their natural product Chili Burn in Canada. The product is based on this research and further adds ginger and dill in the composition.

Chili Burn, which is now the no.1 fat burning supplement in Scandinavia, is available in Canada at Shoppers Drug Mart, Loblaws/Superstores/Extra Foods, GNC, and other participating health food stores and pharmacies.
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India. Rains cause chaos

▶ Indian Army soldiers rescue two women trapped by the River Ghaggar.

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They're wet — but alive

Heavy rains lashed parts of northern India yesterday, disrupting normal life in the region, reports said. Two women were trapped in floodwaters in the overflowing River Ghaggar in Panchkula and had to be rescued by soldiers.

Tory cash came with a caveat: Put up our sign

Harper tracked stimulus money sign count: Report

Millions of dollars in taxpayer stimulus cash doled out by the Harper government was conditional.

Project managers had to put up federal promotional signs, a report said.

And the government was so concerned with the placement of Economic Action Plan signage that Prime Minister Stephen Harper received briefing notes on the sign count from the top civil servant in the land.

Eighteen federal departments and agencies have been involved for the past year in a weekly tracking exercise detailing where and when every single one of more than 8,500 Economic Action Plan signs is installed across Canada.

▶ Stephen Harper

Harper has apparently been keeping track.

Cathy McCarthy, president of Friends of McNabs Island Society, said her charitable group's trail project on the historic island in Halifax harbour received $73,500 through the stimulus plan.

"There was a certificate of completion before our final funds were allocated. We had to sign off saying the sign was up and so on," said McCarthy.

She noted the group also had to pay for the $59 sign and order it from a specified signmaker in Dartmouth, N.S.

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SOLDIER'S FUNERAL

Town says farewell to a hero

People lined the streets to a Corner Brook church where hundreds of mourners attended a private funeral for a Newfoundland soldier killed in Afghanistan.

Cpl. Brian Pinksen, 20, died in a military hospital in Germany Aug. 30, eight days after being wounded by an explosive device.

The service for Pinksen took place yesterday afternoon at First Pentecostal Church.

Pinksen was a member of 2nd Battalion of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

He was serving in Afghanistan with the 1st Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group.

A total of 152 Canadian soldiers have died in the Afghan mission since it began in 2002.

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Top model busted over drugs, crash

A top Hong Kong fashion model is facing a felony drug charge after her arrest at in Nevada.

Rosemary Vandenbroucke, 28, also faces charges after crashing a rented motor home. Police said Vandenbroucke was arrested with a small amount of ecstasy and was released on $15,000 bail.

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▶ An aircraft drops fire retardant as a wildfire blazes near Sunshine Canyon in Boulder County, Colo.

Eight refused to flee fire, now they're missing

Colorado blaze may have started when car crashed into propane tank ◐ Flames seen 145 kilometres away

Authorities in Colorado are searching for eight people who didn't leave their homes as a wildfire tore through a canyon in the foothills near Boulder.

About 3,500 people have been moved to safety from about 1,000 homes since the fire broke out Monday.

No injuries have been reported.

Some homes destroyed belonged to firefighters, authorities said.

Gov. Bill Ritter declared a state of emergency Tuesday as officials nearly doubled the fire's estimated size. At one point, the plume from the fire could be seen in Wyoming, 145 kilometres to the north.

Authorities investigated reports the fire started when a car crashed into a propane tank.

They are also trying to figure out why an automated phone alert system failed for two hours during the evacuation, forcing authorities to go door-to-door to search for people in harm's way.

Winds pushed the fire through three canyons where beetles that burrow under the bark have killed pine trees.

The bark beetles have killed more than 3.5 million acres of trees.

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300

At least 300 firefighters have been battling the wildfire. They managed to save the historic town of Gold Hill, including an Old West grocery store and structures once used for stagecoach stops.

MATCH FIXING

Cricketer cleared of charges

Pakistan bowler Danish Kaneria has been cleared of criminal charges after allegations he was involved in spot-fixing in an English county cricket match.

Police in Essex, England, released Kaneria from his bail conditions without charge after a four-month investigation into "cricket-match irregularities."

Kaneria and Essex teammate Mervyn Westfield were arrested in May on suspicion of fixing in a match against Durham last year.

Kaneria was released from the touring Pakistan squad after defeat to England in the first test.

Kaneria played for Essex while under investigation. Three of his Pakistan teammates have been suspended in an investigation over fixing in the fourth Test against England.

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Hated Serb dead? Court won't say

A Serbian court has rejected a bid by the family of war crimes fugitive Ratko Mladic to declare him officially dead.

Mladic, charged with orchestrating the massacre of 8,000 Muslims in Srebrenica in 1995, has not been seen since 2003.

The family said he is sick and could not have survived this long without medical care.

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China enforcing blackouts to hit energy targets

China uses up to twice the power per unit of output as U.S., Japan and other economies, World Bank says

Chinese steel mills and phone factories are being idled and thousands of homes in one area are doing without electricity as local governments order power cuts to meet Beijing's energy-saving targets.

Rolling blackouts and enforced power cuts are affecting key industrial areas. The prosperous eastern city of Taizhou turned off street lights and ordered hotels and shopping malls to cut power use. In Anping County southwest of Beijing, an area known as China's wire-manufacturing capital, thousands of factories and homes have endured daylong blackouts.

"We can't meet deadlines for some orders and will have to pay penalties," said Han Hongmai, general manager of Anping's Jintai Metal Wire Co. "At home we can't use the toilet" on blackout days due to lack of power for water pumps, he said.

"You could say local governments are trying to blackmail the central government: If you order me to do something I can't deliver, I will pass on the pressure to ordinary people."
YANG AILUN, GREENPEACE CHINA SPOKESWOMAN

While the U.S. and Europe struggle with flagging economies, the power outages are symptomatic of China's torrid growth and officials' capricious use of their powers to meet the government's goals.

China's economic expansion, which hit 10.3 per cent in the latest quarter, blew holes in government efforts to curb surging energy demand, pollution and emissions of climate-changing greenhouse gases. Beijing told local leaders to clamp down and put on pressure by sending inspectors to ensure orders were followed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China. Storm

▶A helicopter lifts workers off the No. 3 drilling platform in the Shengli oil field after it started tilting yesterday during a storm.

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Leaning oil rig sparks rescue effort

Emergency teams with helicopters rescued 34 workers yesterday from an oil drilling platform that was leaning dangerously in east China's Shandong province. The rescuers also searched for two others still missing, officials said.

Dalai Lama backs science of kindness

The Dalai Lama has given $50,000 to support research into the science behind kindness and compassion at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The grant to the school's Center for Investigating Healthy Minds follows a visit by the Dalai Lama to Madison in May.
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NEW BRUNSWICK

Premier promises child care

New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham says a re-elected Liberal government would create more child-care spaces in the province by 2014.

During a campaign stop in Dieppe yesterday, Graham said a Liberal government would add 4,000 spaces for school-aged children. Graham also reiterated a past promise to meet targets set earlier this year by an all-party group that examined poverty reduction. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Medal for overseas service authorized

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▶ A new overseas service medal is shown in an artist's rendition. The Queen has authorized the new medal to recognize overseas service by members of the Forces.

Created in part to deal with criticism among some soldiers

The Queen has authorized a new medal to recognize overseas service by members of the Forces, police officers and even civilians working for the government at foreign bases.

The new honour is part of an overhaul of the country's system of military recognition that began with the start of heavy combat in Afghanistan four years ago.

The Operational Services Medal is meant to address a growing number of complaints in the ranks about how soldiers are recognized for deployments in multiple countries and under various mandates over a number of years.

The new silver medal — with the profile of the Queen on one side and a map of the world on the other — comes with distinct ribbons that recognize service in different theatres, such as South-West Asia, Sierra Leone, Haiti and Sudan.

The Governor General will present the first of the new medals at a ceremony at a later date.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay said the new honour means that all soldiers who leave home will get the recognition they deserve.

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Bank of Canada raises key rate a quarter point

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Mark Carney

The Bank of Canada raised the trend-setting interest rate a quarter point to one per cent yesterday, even as it acknowledged the country's economic growth will be more gradual than previously thought.

It was the third hike in three months, taking the overnight rate up in stages from the rock-bottom 0.25 per cent that was set by the central bank during the recession to help stimulate the economy.

The hike, which most economists had predicted and supported, will likely have the effect of increasing borrowing costs on short-term loans, such as variable mortgages and lines of credit.

Analysts had been looking for acknowledgment from bank governor Mark Carney that the recovery has taken a few surprise body blows of late and that he will now pause for the next few months until the picture clears.

Instead, the bank's governing council appeared content to stick to its previously optimistic outlook and gave no hint about plans for future decisions, saying that will depend on the "unusual uncertainty" of the outlook.

The tone of the central bank's statement was "a bit more hawkish than we expected," said Bank of Montreal economist Douglas Porter.

But economists question how much further Carney can go.

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China. Wealth

▶ Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. chief operating officer Peter Boer speaks during an interview yesterday with the Associated Press at Peninsula hotel in Tokyo, Japan.

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Wealthy Chinese spread wings

The growing Chinese upper class is just beginning to become a major force in luxury markets worldwide, says Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. chief operating officer Peter Boer.

4.25 Mobilicity was one of the new competitors after the spectrum sale in a 2008 auction that raised $4.25 billion for Ottawa.

Move to silence Chatr

New wireless player Mobilicity has filed a complaint with the Competition Bureau against Rogers' unlimited talk and text service Chatr, saying its too similar to its own unlimited talk and text offering.

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Housing won't plunge: Board

Recent price hikes fuelled by low borrowing costs and consumer confidence after strong recovery from recession

Another hike in borrowing costs yesterday is likely to further soften Canada's housing market, but a major think-tank says the slowdown in recent months won't produce a "free fall" in demand.

The Bank of Canada raised interest rates another quarter point — the third such increase in three months — and the banks bumped up their prime rates by the same amount, pushing up the costs of mortgages linked to prime.

But the Conference Board of Canada says it sees a pause in the real estate market — not a U.S.-style collapse — after a surge in prices for the last several years in most Canadian cities.

"The housing market has lost its lustre," Mario Lefebvre, director of the board's Centre for Municipal Studies, said in a report yesterday.

"No doubt about it. However, this will not lead to a free fall for Canada's housing market. This country will not experience home price declines to the tune of what we have witnessed in the United States over the past few years." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Burst bubble

- **In the United States,** the housing bubble burst mainly because of risky lending practices by major banks, which saddled them with hundreds of billions of dollars in bad loans that eventually led to widespread foreclosures and the collapse of many regional banks and some Wall Street financial companies.
- **The troubles in the U.S. financial industry** sparked the recession and reverberated across Europe and other parts of the world.

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▶ The Toronto skyline takes the late summer light from the west as condos rise from construction with the aide of cranes.

News in brief

Canwest credit shield extended

COURT. Canwest Global Communications says the Ontario Superior Court of Justice has extended the company's creditor protection until Nov. 5. Canwest filed for protection from bankruptcy Oct. 6, 2009, after amassing $4 billion in debts and getting squeezed by a slump in ad revenues.
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Publisher's 3Q profits up $5M

MEDIA. Publisher and printer Transcontinental Inc. said yesterday it had a third-quarter profit of $30.6 million and expects to make targeted acquisitions in digital technology. The profit in the latest quarter compares with $25.5 million in the same period a year ago.
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Suncor to reap $390M in offshore asset sale

Suncor Energy Inc. has reached a deal to sell a number of UK offshore North Sea properties for about $390 million to an affiliate of Dana Petroleum PLC.

The sale comes as Dana faces a hostile takeover bid by the state-owned Korea National Oil Corp., worth about $2.9 billion US. Yesterday's announced transaction involves Suncor's Petro-Canada UK unit's 12 offshore production and exploration licences in the UK sector of the North Sea.
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33.5M Dana said the acquisition gives it 33.5 million barrels of oil equivalent of proven and probable reserves, making the company more valuable.

Couche-Tard may sell 25 stores for takeover

has an agreement in principle with a U.S. competition watchdog to sell 25 convenience store and gas stations in the Midwest should it be successful in acquiring Casey's General Stores.

The Montreal-area operator said yesterday it has reached an agreement with staff of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, subject to final approval by FTC commissioners and assuming the Canadian company succeeds in its hostile takeover of the Iowa-based retailer.

The locations would be sold within an undisclosed time period following the closing of acquisition, which currently is valued at $2 billion US, but faces staunch opposition from the Casey's board, which has said the price is too low.

The agreement with the competition agency may be moot since Casey's has rejected Couche-Tard's $38.50 US per share offer and opted instead to negotiate with a mystery suitor that has offered $40 US.
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▶ Alain Bouchard, Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. chairman, president and CEO, left, with executive VP and COO Real Plourde.

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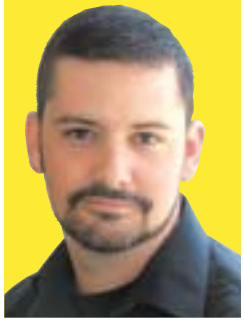

I want to be a Craigslist missed connection.

When I was growing up, I wanted to be an astronaut, Louis Pasteur (don't ask) and a race car driver. None of those things happened, but I can still fulfil my dream to be a missed connection. Because, really, who doesn't want to be one?

If you aren't familiar, missed connections come in two types.

The first is the cry to the heavens.

They're all basically the same: "To Jim/L/My Snookie, some day/week/fortnight I hope/know/dread that you'll see it was a mistake/joy/reality-show script that we were married/apart/cell mates. I'll never forget/understand/unchain you. Love/miss/screw/ you, Amanda/S/Your Malignant Lump of Love."

They're pathetic, and if you can't see yourself in them you've never loved.

But the second type of missed connection is my goal.

It's for people who were too cowardly or lazy to make their move. They usually mention eye contact and finish with, "Wish I'd said something."

"But the second type of missed connection is my goal."

I like reading them and want to be one. Maybe I'd read, "To the guy who has clearly never cleaned his laptop," or "To that man who eats pasta like he's five."

I find them quite romantic, which is to say, they have no bearing on reality.

Missed connections deny a couple of harsh truths: First, the majority of single guys I know make attempted eye contact with every girl who meets their criteria, namely being a biped and consuming oxygen.

The only reason it ever works is that so many women are oblivious to men's advances. I've had conservations like this a dozen times.

Me: That guy was totally smitten with you.

Woman: Really?

Me: He was staring at you and he kept touching your arm.

Woman: Did he?

Me: He licked your face.

Woman: Is it muggy today?

Second, it ignores the fact that most of these highly charged moments of connection would be ruined if the two people involved actually talked. About half the women I find attractive can ruin it instantly with a single mention of Twilight.

What missed connections really do is provide you with one more opportunity to extend the eye contact and the ego boost. But real life would ruin it.

But that's good enough, I say. It's the NSA of infatuation.

I want to be a missed connection. It just doesn't follow that I want to be found.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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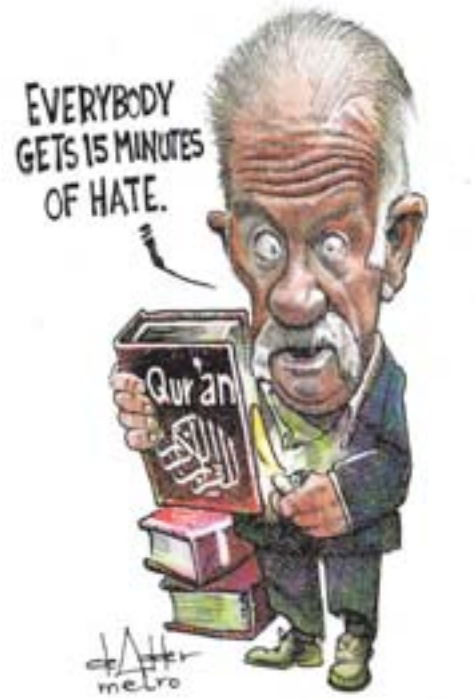

Canada cracks top three

Worth mentioning

Australia and New Zealand shared first place, and Canada tied for third in a first-of-its kind survey ranking 153 nations on the willingness of their citizens to donate time and money to charity.

The report, released yesterday by the British-based Charities Aid Foundation, showed striking variations in charitable behaviour around the world.

For example, it found that only four per cent of Lithuanians gave money to charity, compared with 83 per cent of people in Malta; 61 per cent of people in Turkmenistan did volunteer work, compared with two per cent of Cambodians.

The overall rankings were a composite of three categories — the percentage of people who donated money, donated time and helped a stranger in the month prior to being surveyed.

Australia and New Zealand topped the index with an average score of 57 per cent, trailed by Canada and Ireland at 56 per cent, and the United States and Switzerland at 55 per cent.

Several of the world's most populous countries were near the bottom of the index — including India in 134th place, Russia in 138th and China in 147th.

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Metro Minute gazing for stars

Locals know that film festival time means one giant Yorkville fan cluster. Legions of hopefuls line the streets outside the Four Seasons Hotel to catch a glimpse of their favourite celebrity at all hours, with dangling cameras and high expectations.

Often, anyone with sunglasses who looks like they could possibly be famous is enough to invoke a Greek chorus of melodic shriekery. If this sounds like your idea of heaven, take the TTC to Bay station.

Spend the afternoon patrolling the cobbled streets and taking in the glitzy scene. Soak in the electrified energy you will only find in the city come early September.

JORDANA DIVON

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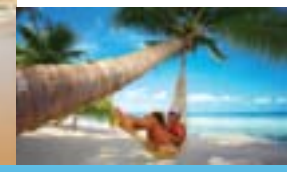

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Enforcer Stock backs hockey musicals

Former NHL tough guy, current CBC hockey commentator and future Battle of the Blades contestant P.J. Stock spoke to Metro about the idea of a hockey musical.

"Montreal to Pembroke to Victoriaville to Antigonish to Hartford to New York back to Montreal to Philadelphia to Boston to … I could keep going but I hope you're getting the gist of it. My hockey life has given me the opportunity to travel and see some of North America's biggest cities and some of the smallest side-of-the-road pit stops.

"There have been three constants on my travels — my hockey equipment, my small bladder (which is a story for another day) and my Walkman (which became a Discman and eventually an MP3 player).

"Almost every memory that hasn't been knocked out of my pumpkin by Rob Ray involves music and hockey somehow. Music has found a way to get me, and millions of hockey players, motivated through rigorous training sessions and games where your body just isn't into it.

"Hockey has arenas. Music has stadiums. It's about time this marriage shared a common stage."

▶ P.J. Stock

▶ Score: A Hockey Musical, the opening night film at TIFF, stars Olivia Newton-John and is directed by Michael McGowan.

Giving hockey a voice

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Does a country that already has a Hockey Hall of Fame and a ubiquitous coffee chain named after a defenceman really need an all singing and dancing tribute to the sport? Director Michael McGowan thought so and the result is Score: A Hockey Musical, a parody of hockey violence set to a soundtrack that rhymes baloney with Zamboni.

"We do hockey well and we do music well in this country and the fact that a hockey musical hadn't been done seemed to me like a great opportunity," he said. "It's such a ridiculous idea on one hand, but it is instantly memorable as a film idea. In a crowded marketplace you're always trying to stand out."

Helping the film to stand out is a berth as the opening night film at TIFF and a host of stars on ice in leading roles and cameos. Headlining a musical for the first time in thirty years is Olivia Newton John, playing an overprotective hockey mom. "She's funny and she doesn't take herself seriously," says McGowan, "but for her to say, 'This is the film, a hockey musical shot in Toronto in February seemed virtually impossible."

Joining John is Promiscuous singer Nelly Furtato who plays Kelly, the "ardent hockey fan." "I had written in the script, 'She licks the fat bellied man's stomach,'" says McGowan. "There is not a hope in hell that I'm going to say, 'OK Nelly, now you lick the fat bellied man's stomach.' But she completely embraced it. It was like, 'If you're going to play in this world of the hockey musical you have to embrace it fully.'"

Rounding out the cast are newcomers Noah Reid and Allie MacDonald, along with George Stroumboulopoulos, Evan Solomon, sports anchor Steve Kouleas, the world's most famous hockey dad Walter Gretzky and NHL star Theo Fleury.

"At the end I was shaking my head about who was actually in the film," he says.

McGowan hopes that his mix of sports and song will score with audiences. "There are so few opportunities as Canadians for us to express our patriotism," he says adding that the mix of "hockey and music, in a story that works, will hopefully be a communal experience."

Top hockey films

▶ 10. Waking Up Wally: The Walter Gretzky Story
9. Les Boys
8. Mystery, Alaska
7. Youngblood
6. Sudden Death
5. The Mighty Ducks
4. Net Worth
3. The Rocket
2. Miracle
1. Slap Shot

2 scene

TIFF in brief

Filmmaker Ivan Reitman was on hand yesterday as a downtown Toronto block was named after his family. Reitman Square is branded in honour of Reitman's parents, Leslie and Clara Reitman, who came to Canada after the Second World War. The square is located at King and John streets in the entertainment district. The Reitman family, in partnership with the Daniels Corporation, donated the land to TIFF for its permanent, year-round home, Bell Lightbox, which opens Sunday.

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Going stargazing? You know you want to

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So you want to see some stars at the film festival, do you? No need to feel ashamed. I have watched captains of industry and PhDs swoon at the sighting of a Jolie-Pitt.

The chance of actually meeting a star is nil to zero. But you can get within shouting range.

The most obvious place to see your favourite actor is at the red carpet entrance to the galas, located in front of Roy Thompson Hall, on Simcoe Street. Barricades are set up opposite the entrance, but you can position yourself directly behind them and get a good view if you get there a few hours before the screenings. Much later than that, and you'll only see the backs of your fellow star-gazers.

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▶ A lucky fan gets up close and personal with Emily Blunt at last year's Toronto International Film Festival.

There are also the hotels where the stars stay: I'd recommend the Four Seasons and One Hazelton in Yorkville, and the new Thompson hotel downtown. Stand outside and be patient. Do not cruise the lobby unless you're willing to have an overpriced drink at the bar.

Here's a trick: wear a lanyard with some kind of official looking pass on it. It could be VIP credentials to a monster truck show; as long as it says VIP in big letters, you might be able to slip by a security cordon. Don't laugh: I've done it!

Finally, TIFF is excited and proud about the opening of their new headquarters, Bell Lightbox, on King Street. The smart money says they'll be showing it off to many visitors, and I'll bet stars will be among them. And, with any luck, so will you.

A crash course in TIFF 101

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I have been going to the Toronto International Film Festival since 1983 and I've never missed a year. It's my favourite event in Toronto, but to get the most out of it involves some planning.

First, go to your boss and tell him you've developed a suspicious hacking cough and you'll need some time off, for, oh, about 10 days (the length of the festival).

Then, buy a copy of the 300-page program book (about $30) and read it cover to cover. You'll skim through descriptions of films you have no interest in, so it won't take as long as you think. Attach post-it notes to the movies that interest you. Then go back and reread your highlighted films, and write down the film title and movie times (available from a second, smaller program book, available everywhere) on the stick-it notes. Now take all the little yellow notes and arrange them on a grid chronologically. (I use my dining room table)

Time for film triage, the hardest part of this process. If two films are playing at the same time, you have to choose one. Now you have your own festival program, as light or heavy as your time allows. I find I can see about five movies a day; after that my eyes and brain go blurry.

Try to have a good mix of genres — a few comedies, some documentaries, some foreign films from countries you like (I'm partial to films from South Korea and Argentina), throw in a little animation and don't be ashamed to include a Hollywood blockbuster or two. A little glamour may be a necessary antidote to all those depressing Afghani war stories you've chosen.

Now go on the excellent TIFF website; it will tell you the different ways of ordering your tickets. You won't get all your choices — some movies sell out incredibly quickly — so have your second-choice stick-it notes handy.

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▶ Jennifer Garner at last year's Toronto International Film Festival.

TIFF tips

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• There is no such thing as a sold-out film. If you really want to see something, and I mean REALLY want to see it, go to the venue and join the rush line. Better yet, START the rush line. Two or three hours in advance should do it.

• Since waiting is a critical part of the process, pack a satchel full of the following: bottled water, more bottled water, still more bottled water, your program guide, and some healthy snacks.

• Dress in layers. The air conditioning in the theatres varies from subarctic to tanning bed. You want as many options as possible. Sensible shoes are a must.

• When in line, use the time to meet people. This is one of the best things about the festival: The traditional Toronto reserve melts away. This is how I met my wife, 15 years ago.

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TIFF's hottest tickets

More than 250 films will unspool at the Toronto International Film Festival, which runs Sept. 9 to 19 Here are a dozen titles already generating buzz

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You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger
Woody Allen's latest London-shot ensemble piece features a stellar cast, including Freida Pinto, Josh Brolin, Antonio Banderas and Naomi Watts. Anthony Hopkins is a scream in a rare comic turn.

I'm Still Here
There's plenty of chatter around this controversial film, which marks the directorial debut of Oscar-nominated actor Casey Affleck. I'm Still Here purports to chronicle Joaquin Phoenix's attempts to pursue a hip-hop career instead of acting. Many wonder if it's all a hoax.

Another Year
British director Mike Leigh returns to TIFF with another brilliantly-drawn human drama. Another Year tells the story of a contented London couple with some very unhappy friends. Featuring some remarkable performances by a cast of Leigh regulars, including Jim Broadbent and Imelda Staunton.

Hereafter
Cinematic heavyweight Clint Eastwood is sure to grab attention as he graces the TIFF red carpet for the first time in 20 years with this story of three people haunted by mortality. The film stars Matt Damon.

The Promise: The Making of Darkness on the Edge of Town
Thom Zimny's documentary on Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band and the recording of their fourth album is shaping up to be one of the hottest tickets at TIFF.

Never Let Me Go
Based on the beloved novel, Never Let Me Go is the tale of two friends (played by Carey Mulligan and Keira Knightley), who spend their childhood at a seemingly idyllic boarding school.

Blue Valentine
Michelle Williams and Canuck heart-throb Ryan Gosling star in this wrenching portrait of a marriage in freefall. Blue Valentine has already been a standout at both Sundance and Cannes, with award whispers for both lead actors.

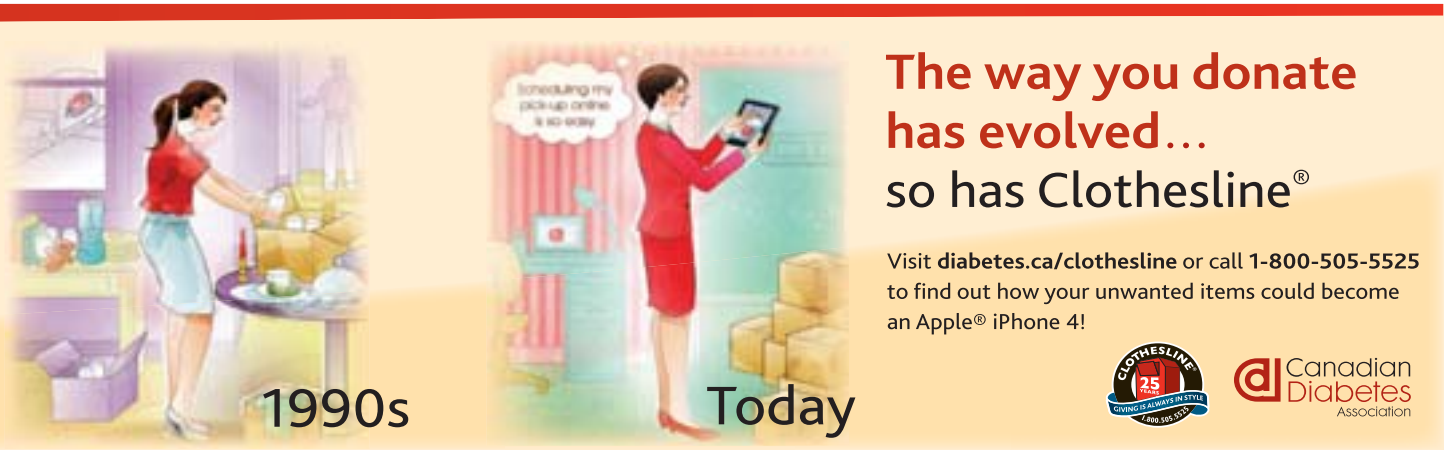
The Town
Ben Affleck directs another thriller set in his hometown of Boston. Jeremy Renner (The Hurt Locker) is already garnering buzz for his performance. The film also stars Jon Hamm of Mad Men fame, who will no doubt garner ear-splitting screams on the TIFF red carpet.

The King's Speech
The King's Speech features Colin Firth as George VI, who struggles to overcome a bad stutter when his older brother unexpectedly abdicates the throne to marry a divorced widow.

Heartbeats
Quebec phenom Xavier Dolan returns to TIFF with this comic tale of a romantic triangle. Heartbeats is the director's followup to his wildly successful debut, I Killed My Mother.

Incendies
After sweeping the Genie Awards with Polytechnique, his masterful retelling of the Montreal massacre, Quebec's Denis Villeneuve presents Incendies: The tale of twins who travel to the Middle East and learn secrets of their mother's past.

127 Hours
Two years after his triumphant turn at TIFF with Slumdog Millionaire, Danny Boyle returns with 127 Hours. It stars James Franco as a mountain climber who becomes trapped in an isolated Utah canyon.



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Made in Dagenham
Genre: Drama
Director: Nigel Cole
Stars: Sally Hawkins, Miranda Richardson, and Bob Hoskins
●●●
England's wide eyed wonder Sally Hawkins plays real life social heroine Rita O'Grady in this feel-good female empowerment outing. O'Grady led a strike by women working in the country's biggest Ford factory in 1968, which resulted in international policy changes and big payouts for the auto giant. Hoskins plays her union rep, whose drive for women's work equality was sparked by his hard working mother who raised three children alone. Richardson goes for broke as high energy, brassy left-wing government minister Barbara Castle who champions the cause. Fun, fun, fun.
● ANNE BRODIE

Easy A
Genre: Comedy
Director: Will Gluck
Stars: Emma Stone, Thomas Haden Church, Patricia Clarkson
●●●
A surprisingly hilarious comedy about a good girl (Emma Stone) willfully accepting a less than ladylike reputation at her school to help her fellow rejects and create some semblance of a social life. The script is filled with loving nods to the '80s teen flicks of John Hughes and The Scarlet Letter, and it's a mini-miracle that the resulting film doesn't crumble under the invited comparisons. All credit goes to a playful and talented cast as well as a team of filmmakers who somehow found life left in the high-school comedy. Some overly knowing Diablo Cody-esque dialogue aside, this is far more fun than it should be
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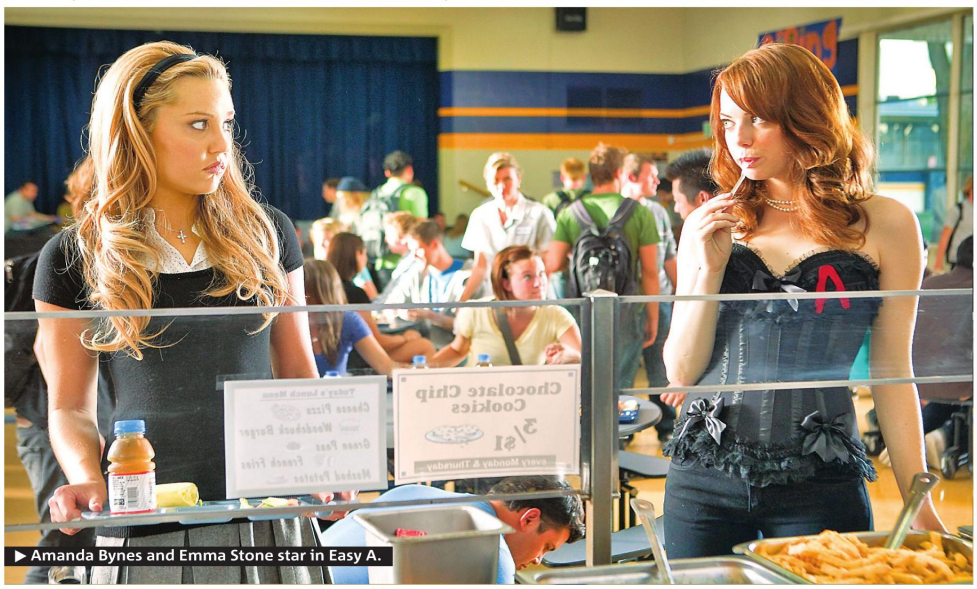
▶ Amanda Bynes and Emma Stone star in Easy A.

Inside Job
Genre: Documentary
Director: Charles Ferguson
Stars: Matt Damon, Christine Lagarde, George Soros
Director: Charles Ferguson
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Probably the most concise and informative cinematic examination of the global economic collapse thus far, director Charles Ferguson bombards his audience with information and expert testimony all filtered through a gentle narration by Matt Damon. At times watching the movie can feel a little too much like being on the receiving end of a long lecture, but Ferguson presents enough terrifying facts and posses enough difficult questions to his subjects (often causing them to want to end the interview) that it's hard to tear your eyes off the screen. A complex, maddening, informative, and thankfully entertaining dissection of a difficult subject
● PHIL BROWN

The King's Speech
Genre: Drama
Director: Tom Hooper
Stars: Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush
●●●●●
You can't make this stuff up, this engaging, period bro-mance between the soon-to-be King George VI (Colin Firth) and a commoner (Geoffrey Rush) who is a speech therapist on the eve of the Second World War.
But apparently it happened. The Duke of York, the second son of the late King George V, was saddled with a career threatening stammer that might not have mattered if the radio not just been invented or if his brother Edward hadn't just abdicated the throne to marry Wallis Simpson thrusting him into the top job. Now he is expected to address a nation on the verge of war.
Rollicking fun and a nail-biter.
● ANNE BRODIE

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Of Gods and Men
Genre: Drama
Director: Xavier Beauvois
Stars: Lambert Wilson, Michael Lonsdale

A patient build yields a deeply emotional payoff in Xavier Beauvois' fact-based drama, which focuses on a group of French monks living in an isolated Algerian monastery. Faced with the arrival of violent Islamic extremists, the brothers contemplate abandoning their post — and their flock. The ensuing meditation on faith and the recognizance of one's own mortality is gripping and exquisitely rendered.

ADAM NAYMAN

Biutiful
Genre: Drama
Director: Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu
Stars: Javier Bardem, Maricel Alvarez, Eduard Fernandez

The director of Amores Perros and Babel returns with an intimate study of a man who finds under-the-table work for illegal immigrants, while also struggling to raise two children with a bi-polar prostitute, and deal with the reality that he's dying of cancer. So, it's a bit of a downer then, but also a deeply rewarding character study filled with haunting imagery and painfully identifiable moments. The film is held together by a powerful performance from Javier Bardem (who is in almost every frame) that already earned him Best Actor honours at Cannes and is sure to lead to further honours as awards season beckons.

PHIL BROWN

Africa United
Genre: Comedy/Drama
Director: Debs Gardner-Paterson
Stars: Eriya Ndayambaje, Roger Nsengiyumva, and Sherrie Silver

Africa United is the handle for a motley crew of Rwandan children bound for the World Cup games in South Africa. When their plans, money, and food run out, there is little to do but walk the 3000 miles. Part quest, opus, and fable, the team survives child solider kidnappers, thieves, and murderers, save a young sex slave, meet new friends, and learn life lessons. Their 13-year-old "manager', an optimist who is quick with quips ("Impossible is nothing!", "I salute your testicles!") and fast with a smile exudes joie de vivre while struggling with AIDS. Africa United is funny, poignant, and triumphant.

ANNE BRODIE

▶ Javier Bardem won the Best Actor award at Cannes for his work in Biutiful.

Amazon Falls
Genre: Comedy/Drama
Director: Katrin Bowen
Stars: April Telek, Anna Mae Routledge, William B. Davis,

Made for peanuts, director Katrin Bowen's scrappy little comedy Amazon Falls is a real deal DIY treat. Canadian TV actress April Telek stars as the impossibly tall Lana, an aging actress known for her roles in Xena-like action films. But the bloom is off her rose and she finds it difficult to remain a contender in Hollywood … and even more difficult to find luck in love. Offbeat, meandering and groovy movie with a fantastic turn from Telek.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

▶ Bruce McDonald's Trigger looks at rockers past their prime.

Fubar II
Genre: Comedy
Director: Michael Dowse
Stars: Paul Spence, Dave Lawrence

It's been 8 years since headbangers Terry and Dean were given'r in Fubar but the Alberta boys haven't lost any of their lust for life. In this sequel, the boys celebrate Dean's remission from cancer by getting jobs in the oil patch where the inseparable buddies' relationship is soon strained by a girlfriend, Dean's attempts to collect workers' compensation and loads of property damage. It's clear the boys have a bigger budget but they manage to keep the authentic tone of the original and craft a more structured story with an even bigger headbanger's heart.

STEVE GOW

Trigger
Genre: Drama
Director: Bruce McDonald
Stars: Tracy Wright, Molly Parker, Don McKellar

Bruce McDonald's latest is a rock n' roll variation on A Dinner With Andre that's somehow more entertaining and insightful than that description suggests. Two former bandmates meet up for a dinner and concert, chatting away about their lives, music, death, and inevitably their long-standing troubles with drugs and alcohol. The central performances by Molly Parker and the late Tracy Wright — for whom Trigger, in an extraordinary swansong — are remarkable, keeping the film constantly engaging when they are often the only people onscreen. It's one of the strongest and most perceptive movies McDonald has ever made, thanks in no small part to a stellar script from Daniel MacIvor.

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6 p.m.
Film Socialism, Ryerson

9 p.m.
Inside Job, Ryerson

9:30 p.m.
Legend of the Fist: The Return of Chen Zhen, Visa Screening Room (Elgin)

11:59 p.m.
The Legend of Beaver Dam with Fubar II, Ryerson

Friday

12 p.m.
Legend of the Fist: The Return of Chen Zhen, Ryerson

2:30 p.m.
Mandoo, AMC 3

3 p.m.
Cirkus Columbia, Ryerson
Bad Faith, Varsity 7

3:30 p.m.
The Way, Winter Garden Theatre

4 p.m.
A Married Couple, AMC 2

5 p.m.
Norberto´s Deadline, AMC 5

5:30 p.m.
How I Ended This Summer, AMC 3

5:45 p.m.
The Edge, AMC 6

6 p.m.
Dhobi Ghat, Visa Screening Room (Elgin)

Daydream Nation, Ryerson
Windfall, AMC 9

The Light Thief, AMC 4

Poetry, Scotiabank Theatre 2

Short Cuts Canada: Programme 2, Jackman Hal AGO

6:15 p.m.
Brownian Movement, Varsity 7

6:30 p.m.
Everything Must Go, Isabel Bader Theatre

Viva Riva!, AMC 7

Behind Blue Skies, Scotiabank Theatre 3

7 p.m.
40, AMC 2
Wasted on the Young, Varsity 8

7:45 p.m.
The Four Times, AMC 5

8 p.m.
Biutiful, Winter Garden Theatre

Erotic Man, Scotiabank Theatre 4

What I Most Want, AMC 10

8:30 p.m.
Guest, AMC 4

8:45 p.m.
A Night for Dying Tigers, AMC 3

Legend

1. Cineplex Odeon Varsity Cinema's — 55 Bloor St. West, 2nd Floor
2. Isabel Bader Theatre — 93 Charles St.
3. Ryerson Theatre — 43 Gerrard St. East
4. AMC Yonge-Dundas 24 — 10 Dundas St. East, Fourth Floor
5. VISA Screening Room & Winter Garden Theatre — 189 Yonge St.
6. Jackman Hall — Art Gallery of Toronto, 317 Dundas St. West
7. National Film Board (NFB) — 150 John St.
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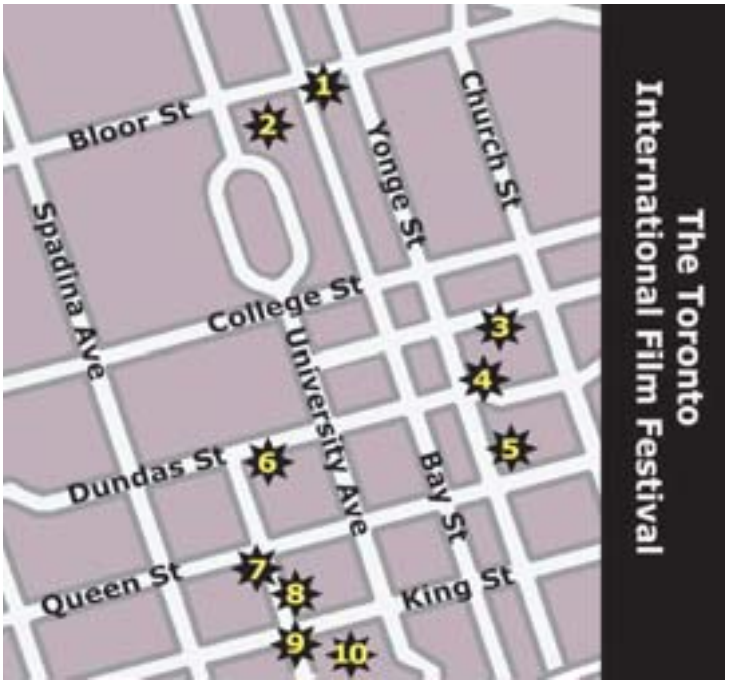

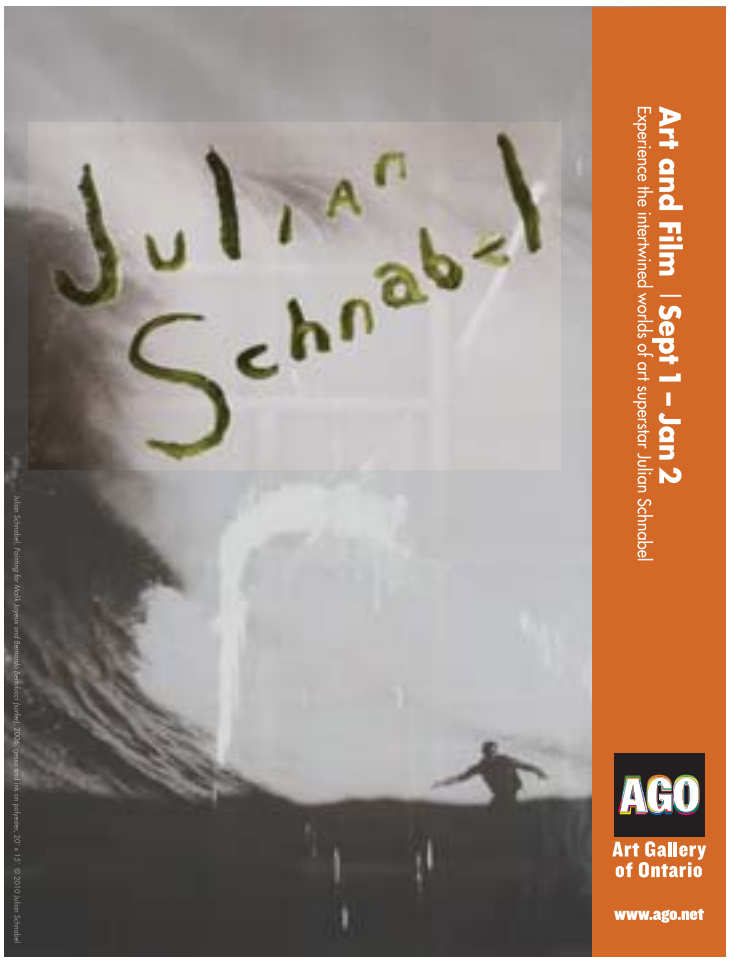

▶ Rainn Wilson stars in Super, which is showing on Friday, 11:59 p.m at Ryerson Theatre.

9 p.m.
Stone, Visa Screening Room (Elgin)

Wavelengths 1: Soul Of The City, Jackman Hall AGO

Passion Play, Ryerson

The Place in Between, Varsity 7

Inside America, AMC 6

9:15 p.m.
Route 132, Scotiabank Theatre 3

Home: Life Advice, Isabel Bader Theatre

Marimbas From Hell, AMC 9

Short Cuts Canada: Programme 1, Isabel Bader Theatre

9:30 p.m.
Lapland Odyssey, AMC 7

Griff the Invisible, Scotiabank Theatre 2

9:45 p.m.
The Pipe, AMC 2

Easy Money, Scotiabank Theatre 1

10 p.m.
I'm Still Here, Varsity 8

10:15 p.m.
Late Autumn, Scotiabank Theatre 4

11:59 p.m.
Super, Ryerson

TIFF Galas

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m.
Score: A Hockey Musical, Visa Screening Room (Elgin)

8 p.m.
Score: A Hockey Musical, Roy Thompson Hall

FRIDAY

6:30 p.m.
The King's Speech, Roy Thompson Hall

9:30 p.m.
Trust, Roy Thompson Hall

SATURDAY

11 a.m..
Trust, Visa Screening Room (Elgin)

12 p.m..
The King's Speech, Ryerson

1:30 p.m..
Little White Lies Roy Thompson Hall

6:30 p.m.
The Conspirator, Roy Thompson Hall

9:30 p.m.
The Town, , Roy Thompson Hall

TV picks

A woman on the run

SPY HARD. One of the most buzzed about new series is the sexy drama Nikita. Filmed in Toronto, the show is a reboot of the 1990 film and subsequent TV series about a female spy who goes rogue. In the premiere, we learn Nikita has been on the run from her former bosses for three years. (A)

Attack of the monster video

NEW YORK. The monster movie Cloverfield takes the shaky-camera schtick through some campy thrills and chills in this 2008 indie. The premise is simple and effective: a video camera records horrific events that unfold as a monstrous creature attacks New York. (Action)

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New network will offer the right view: Grammer

- Kelsey Grammer puts his money where his ideas are
- Says traditional networks are biased

Kelsey Grammer is an investor and public face supporting a new network that launched yesterday with entertainment designed to appeal to political conservatives.

RightNetwork, whose first series, Running, follows the fortunes of some Tea Party-backed candidates for public office, is also trying a new model to establish itself. It is initially making programming available through video-on-demand services, the Internet and through mobile phones, bypassing the approach of a traditional television network with a spot on channel lineups.

Investors hope the support of a conservative audience that has made Fox News Channel and radio hosts like Rush Limbaugh successful could also work for entertainment programming, said Kevin McFeeley, RightNetwork's president.

"We feel the precedent has been set," he said.

Grammer, the Emmy-winning star of Frasier, said the network represented a desire by him and some political friends "to stop allowing people who hate us to define us."

"If you have NBC, ABC, you have entire networks flooded with a very particular point of view," he said. "They won't admit it, but it's clearly the way it is. There's plenty of room for us."

Initial programming also includes Right2Laugh, with standup comedians; Politics and Poker, with card players sitting around talking politics; and an entertainment newsmagazine. New episodes are made available every few weeks, McFeeley said.

Some of the candidates featured in Running have already lost primary bids.

In the works is a sitcom called Moving Numbers, about quirky political consultants trying to elect a candidate to the U.S. Senate. McFeeley said RightNetwork will also offer some vintage programming, like old episodes of William F. Buckley's Firing Line.

"We're not out to vilify or accuse or identify anybody as an enemy," Grammer said. "We're out there to encourage people to open their minds and take a look at some things that we as a group of people believe is the right direction for the country."

While Grammer narrates a programming highlight reel available on RightNetwork's website, he hasn't participated as an actor or producer in any of the network's programming. The only other investor the privately held company has identified is Ed Snider, chairman of Comcast-Spectacor and owner of the Philadelphia 76ers and Flyers.

That led to initial false reports this spring that Comcast Corp., the nation's largest cable company, was a backer of RightNetwork. In fact, the network doesn't even have a deal to distribute its programming through Comcast, which aggressively markets video-on-demand offerings.

McFeeley said the video-on-demand approach will mirror the way people are increasingly watching television, by picking and choosing from programming and making their own schedules.

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▶ Actor Kelsey Grammer is the most high-profile investor in the new RightNetwork.

"(It's not) right-wing nuts ... We're middle-of-the-road people who have a fairly conservative approach to government."
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Night that won't go away

Deputy who arrested Mel Gibson sues his police department
Says he's been discriminated against since the arrest

The Los Angeles sheriff's deputy who arrested Mel Gibson for drunken driving in 2006 sued his department on Tuesday, claiming he has since been ostracized and passed over for promotions by the agency.

Deputy James Mee's lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for loss of income and benefits, medical expenses and for emotional distress and mental suffering. Mee, who is Jewish, claims he was forced by his superiors to remove references to anti-Semitic slurs uttered by the actor-director during the arrest. Part of that report containing the slurs was leaked to the celebrity website TMZ.com, which also first reported the lawsuit.

Mee claims he was transferred after Gibson's arrest and has not been awarded promotions to a traffic investigator or motorcycle deputy position because of the alleged discrimination. The lawsuit claims the department violated its policies by taking four years to investigate the leak and that has hurt Mee's ability to be promoted.

▶ James Mee says he was forced to change his arrest report.

Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore denied the allegations.

"The whole story is not being told in this lawsuit and we look forward to telling it," Whitmore said. "It has nothing to do with religious discrimination. We categorically deny those allegations."

Mee was the subject of a criminal investigation into the leaking of his initial report. The Los Angeles district attorney's office declined to file charges against the deputy.

Mee joined the sheriff's department in May 1989, according to his lawsuit.

In addition to stating that he was forced to alter his report on Gibson's arrest, the lawsuit claims one of his sergeants erased a videotape taken of Gibson in a booking area.

Mee's attorney, Etan Z. Lorant, said the video was taken with a handheld camera and showed Gibson uttering religious slurs. The filing claims the deputy was discriminated against after complaining about the taping and being forced to change his initial report on the arrest.

Whitmore said none of the evidence taken during Gibson's arrest had been destroyed.

Lorant said Mee, 55, wants his reputation with the department to be restored and he hopes the lawsuit will resolve that.

"He's done nothing wrong," Lorant said.

Gibson apologized for his anti-Semitic tirade after his arrest, saying that he had battled alcoholism for all of his adult life. He complied with all the terms of the probation given in the drunken driving case, and his conviction was expunged last year.

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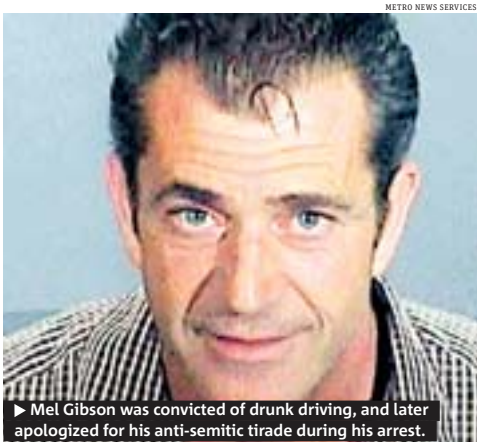
▶ Mel Gibson was convicted of drunk driving, and later apologized for his anti-semitic tirade during his arrest.

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▶ Piers Morgan tackles prime-time on CNN.

CNN's got talent

▶ British journalist to start in January as Larry King's replacement at CNN ▶ His selection had been widely expected for several months

CNN says Piers Morgan of America's Got Talent will replace Larry King on the network's prime-time lineup in January.

Morgan, a veteran journalist who hosts a popular interview program in Britain, will do a similar show for CNN.

CNN President Jon Klein says Morgan is "able to look at all aspects of the news with style and humour, with an occasional good laugh in the process."

The struggling news network will debut another prime-time show with former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer and columnist Kathleen Parker in October.

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Bieber's autograph tops $3,500 on eBay

▶ Justin Bieber

It's an expensive way to get Justin Bieber's autograph.

A school yearbook from Stratford, Ont., with the teen star's signature has reached a bid of more than $3,500 on eBay. A bid topping $9,000 was apparently taken down.

It's one of five Stratford yearbooks featuring the teen heartthrob — some signed, some not — on the eBay site. Another containing Bieber's signature has no takers yet at a starting bid price of more than $5,000, and a buy it now price of $20,000.

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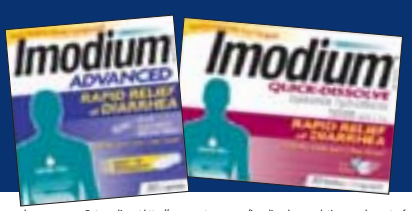

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Underwood isn't quitting day job

Country superstar makes her acting debut in upcoming movie Soul Surfer But she says she's not ready to carry a movie just yet

Carrie Underwood thought she'd walk away from her first movie experience vowing to stick to her day job.

But after a recent screening of the upcoming movie Soul Surfer, Underwood found she wasn't as bad as she thought she'd be.

"I really liked how everything turned out, including myself," Underwood said in an interview Tuesday. "I was really expecting the worst from myself, and I really surprised myself."

The Grammy-winning country superstar plays a youth counsellor in the film, which is based on the story of Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack.

"It's definitely an uplifting movie," said Underwood. "Everybody would definitely feel a lot better coming out than they did coming in."

Although she gives herself good marks for her work on the film, Underwood said she's not ready to carry a movie just yet.

"There are people that are absolutely amazing actors and actresses, and I am not one of those, though who's to say one day; you never know, maybe I will be," she said. "But I'm definitely new at this and just doing what's fun right now, and I love my music; that's my first love."

The second stage of her Play On tour starts Sept. 25 in Portland, Ore., sponsored by Olay; she became the company's first North American spokeswoman yesterday.

It will be Underwood's first tour since her summer wedding to professional hockey player Mike Fisher.

"It's kind of like my season, my tour, starts the same time his season does. It will definitely be a challenge but we love each other and we love what we do, so there's no reason we can't have it all," she said. "Next year will be an easier year for me. As soon as my tour is over, I'll be hanging out with him a lot more."

Underwood will host the Country Music Association Awards in Nashville, Tenn., on Nov. 10 with Brad Paisley.

While she's nominated for female vocalist and album of the year for Play On, some fans wanted her to get a nomination for entertainer of the year, the show's highet honour. "I'd like to see that, too," she laughed.

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Carrie Underwood

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Teenage Dreams is the new album from Katy Perry.

Katy Perry digs deep, follows her Dreams

Hit album proves initial success no fluke Shows different sides

To some, the most surprising part of Katy Perry's sophomore success is that it exists.

After all, this was the ever effervescent girl who rose to fame two years ago with a song about girl-on-girl action. She dressed like a cross between Betty Boop and Judy Jetson and sang songs about metrosexual boyfriends and partying in Vegas.

Fun and catchy — but surely not built to last.

Cut to 2010, and it's been Perry's year. Her No. 1 smash California Gurls has become the song of the summer. She's got another big hit with the racy Teenage Dream, and her second album of the same name debuted at the top of the charts last week, selling a little over 192,000 copies for one of the year's best debuts, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

And her engagement to British comedian Russell Brand hasn't hurt her exploding star power.

"It's really validating, but not in like a mean girls' kind of way feeling," says a wide-eyed Perry, with her girlish voice, in a recent interview. "I've always believed in myself and it's just wonderful that people can finally jump on the train and be a part of something really exciting."

The 25-year-old California girl hasn't toned down the zaniness much on her latest album — and listeners get the feeling she couldn't if she tried.

The video for California Gurls, the infectious pop groove featuring Snoop Dogg, features Perry in a sexy version of Candy Land, and the theme continues with her album.

Teenage Dream features songs about toxic relationships, moments of conflict, self-doubt and even inspiration. "(This album) shows the evolution that people weren't expecting," says Amy Doyle, MTV's executive vice-president of music and talent programming. "There are songs on this album that go a little deeper into her feelings and aren't just these poppy little numbers."

Perry calls the album her "black box" — where she reveals Katy Perry the artist, often obscured by Katy Perry the caricature.

One song that shows another dimension is the angry Circle the Drain, where she lashes out at a lover who is destroying himself and their relationship with drugs.

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Love Story

Katy Perry and Russell Brand became engaged in January after a whirlwind romance, and their relationship and impending nuptials have made them tabloid favourites. "We've decided that after we get married, we're not going to talk about our relationship anymore, because it's like, we're married, so we're married. What more can I say?" says Perry. "But I think that we understand the general excitement, and we're two people in love, and people in love like to tell people we are in love."

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An established indie band signing to a major label is a story that's been told countless times. But Interpol's version has a different twist. After leaving EMI following the release of 2007's Our Love To Admire, they've returned to Matador, the independent label they originally called home.

"There have been a lot of changes in the music industry. When we had the opportunity to part ways with EMI we made a mutual decision," says guitarist Daniel Kessler. "We didn't consider anyone else but Matador. We always retained a great friendship with them and always admired them."

Having released their first two albums on Matador, 2002's seminal debut Turn On The Bright Lights and 2004's exceptional Antics, both the band and label are counting on recapturing that spark again with their new self-titled album.

"All of our records are documents of what we're trying to say at that time. We feel like our band evolves and this record is an evolution from our last one."
DANIEL KESSLER

Kessler feels it offers something both new and familiar. "There are threads you will recognize that this is obviously Interpol," he explains. "I also think it's our most progressive record to date."

Building on the sweeping orchestral arrangements of its predecessor, Interpol expands the compass of the band's overcast, atmospheric rock.

"With Our Love To Admire, there were some things that foreshadowed what was to come with this record. There's a greater expansion of harmonies and melodies."

Most importantly, Kessler says the band wanted to shift the focus away from song-driven iTunes generation back to the good old days of listening to a complete album.

"We're really very much an album band and not into catering to the modern age," he says. "It's really about the ten songs and how they correspond to each other. It's been like that since day one."

The xx wins U.K.'s Mercury Prize

Electronic trio The xx has won Britain's Barclaycard Mercury Prize for their debut album, called "xx."

The south London band won the $30,000 prize over 11 other shortlisted acts at a ceremony in London Tuesday.

The group beat its more well-known competitors, which included bookies' favourite Paul Weller, singer Corinne Bailey Rae and past winner Dizzee Rascal.

Frontman Oliver Sim said he was stunned by the news: "I don't know what we were expecting, but we weren't expecting this."

The award has honoured the best album of the year by a British or Irish band since 1992. Previous winners include the Arctic Monkeys and Scottish rockers Franz Ferdinand. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sara Bareilles has a change of heart

Singer gets awkward with Pharrell while working on new CD

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▶ Kaleidoscope Heart is the new album from Sara Bareilles.

The idea of Sara Bareilles and Pharrell working on music sounds odd enough — but it's not nearly as awkward as the actual event.

The piano-playing songstress was exploring a new sound for her sophomore CD when she decided to try and work with the hitmaker for Jay-Z, Justin Timberlake, Gwen Stefani and more. When she walked in for her recording session, Pharrell was getting a haircut.

It went downhill from there.

"I'm not a very good collaborator and I didn't really know how to do it. ... I felt really uncomfortable with just the process and so I think that's why we didn't really get anything out of it," Bareilles said.

Though the 30-year-old earned Grammy nods for her breakthrough hit, Love Song, Bareilles said she struggled to come up with new material for the follow-up to her platinum-selling 2007 debut, Little Voice.

"I hadn't really prepared for what would come after that," she said.

Then she recorded Uncharted, a pop tune about messing up — and moving along. Things got easier after that.

Bareilles talked recently about the steps that led to Kaleidoscope Heart, out this week.

Why is songwriting with others tough for you?

I'm not a great co-writer. I have a lot of respect for people that can do it well, I'm just terrible at it. ... I don't know. I feel like what comes out of it is always something I feel a sense of detachment to and it sort of makes me feel like, I don't know, unable or unwilling to want to sing it as a part of my normal repertoire.

Those songs you recorded with Pharrell — where will they end up?

I would love to probably re-approach it instead of using what we ended up with. I'd love to do it again now that it's not such a new experience. I think I have that tendency where my knee-jerk reaction is to sort of clam up and close myself off from doing something I've never done before. And it's totally something I'm trying to let go of. I don't know why I get so, I don't know, nervous? I think I was star-struck, honestly.

How did you come up with the first single?

King of Anything was sort of a pep talk, it's actually very similar to the way Love Song came about. ... It was written at the point where I was just starting to share the music and then people start to give you their feedback on it and you're like, "Oh, you don't like that part and you think I should change those words." (Laughs.) ... There's lots of people that aren't going to like this record, you know, that don't like my music anyway and people feel very vocal. Like, people are really brave in what they say to you these days.

Did you always want to be a singer?

I don't know if I articulated that in my brain as a child, but I think I always felt like that was where I was the most confident and at peace and felt like it was my calling. I think I always thought I would do theatre though because I grew up doing musical theatre. So I think I always sort of anticipated, like, being on Broadway or something.

Heading to Broadway soon?

Oh god I would love it. ... I have mad respect for the performers on Broadway and I would only want to do it if I could do an incredible job. ... So I think I would have some homework to do before I could step up on stage.

A lot of contemporary singers have delved into a more electro-pop, dance sound. Are you next?

I feel like it would feel like wearing somebody else's underwear because it's really not (laughs) ... it doesn't feel kind of congruent with who I really think I am musically. But you never know. There's great collaborations out there and I think there would be a way to do it musically where it felt good to me, but it's not immediately a genre I've always loved or wanted to do.

You should do a song with Carlos Santana.

Me and Santana? OK. Can you make that happen? Give him a call.

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Big Boi enjoying solo career, but says Outkast will be back

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▶ Big Boi's Sir Lucious Left Foot: The Son of Chico Dusty was released this year to widespread critical acclaim.

Big Boi is savouring this victory.

The Atlanta rapper — one-half of the six-time Grammy-winning duo Outkast — spent years watching as his solo debut Sir Lucious Left Foot: The Son of Chico Dusty languished in record-label limbo.

It was finally released this year to widespread critical acclaim, and Big Boi feels his effort has been rewarded.

"The fans dig it, that's what it's all about," he said in a recent interview. "You want to make music that they love and that they can live by.

"You know, as long as they're digging it man, I'm a happy camper."

Lately, he's had plenty of reason to be upbeat.

Sir Lucious Left Foot opened at No. 3 on the U.S. charts and No. 20 in Canada. While it hasn't posted the sort of commercial numbers associated with an Outkast record (each of their six albums have gone platinum), it's been a hit with critics — in fact, according to review aggregator Metacritic, it's the second-best-reviewed new album of 2010.

On Friday, he'll roll through Toronto to perform at the Playboy Good Life Party at Muzik hosted by Girls Next Door star Bridget Marquardt.

"It's always an event when they bring the bunnies out," he said

The 35-year-old seems a long way from the frustration that punctuated his first solo foray.

The record has been widely praised for its crafty lyricism, head-knocking beats and diverse production (he cites Kate Bush and Bob Marley as his favourite artists of all time).

He had much of the record finished more than a year ago, including the earth-shattering electro-funk of lead single Shutterbugg, but Jive Records wasn't sold on the album — they wanted something more radio-friendly.

Ultimately, he left the label for Def Jam. Jive reportedly barred the use of certain singles that featured his Outkast bandmate and close friend Andre 3000, including the Grammy-nominated Royal Flush, because Outkast is still under contract with the label.

Big Boi has been consistent in saying that Outkast would reunite for another record, which would mean working again with Jive.

"I'm contractually obligated," he said. "I got a deal with Def Jam and also I'm signed with Outkast to Jive too, so I got two record deals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Interpol fails to build on foundation

Interpol
Album: Inerpol
Label: Matador
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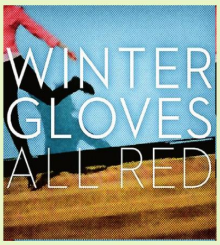
Everyone wants to have a strong first disc, but for Interpol, their 2002 debut may have been too good. The New York City-based band has never quite been able to follow up Turn on the Bright Light's brilliant hooks and critical acclaim. They reached a low point on 2007's epic Our Love to Admire, then lost bassist Carlos Dengler last May — you can't help but wonder if Interpol's time is finally up.

Their fourth record doesn't hold any clues to Interpol's future. The band have said that this self-titled disc is a return to their roots — and it does recall some of their first disc's tight riffs and haunting atmospherics, but it's not as captivating. Songs start strong — Lights' slow building verses are stunning, but the track goes nowhere. Summer Well has a nice new wave bounce, but it's missing the hook. The whole album follows that pattern; the songs have a solid foundation, but there's nothing built on top of it.

What's next for the band? This uneven disc proves they have some life left, but if they can't turn good songs into great ones they may want to consider following Carlos' lead and find a new career.

Outstanding track: Barricade ● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI



Winter Gloves
Album: All Red
Label: Paper Bag
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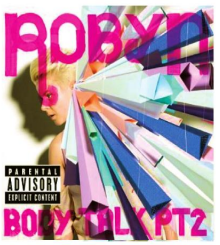
To put it simply, the Winter Gloves are a pop band. They play bouncy, upbeat infectious music that should be agreeable to just about anyone. But the group does a lot more than write fun hooks. Their latest is a big improvement over their debut, thanks to their liberal use of keyboards and effects. Gym Class's spacey opening and fuzzy electro riffs, Use Your Lips' crunchy bass and Tooth Fairy's Of Montreal-like keys point to a new maturity for the group.

Outstanding track: Plastic Slides ● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI



Robyn
Album: Body Talk Pt. 2
Label: Konichiwa/Interscope
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The second of three Robyn albums set for 2010, Body Talk Pt. 2 is the more club-oriented yang to its predecessor's pop-heavy yin. With renowned hands like Diplo and Kleerup producing and Snoop Dogg dropping f-bomb-laden hooks on supersonic duet U Should Have Known, Robyn's wistful yet sassy songs own the dance floor. Unlike most sequels, Pt. 2 is harder, better, faster and stronger than Pt. 1.

Outstanding track: Hang With Me ● CAM LINDSAY

Bachman & Turner
Album: Bachman & Turner
Label: E1
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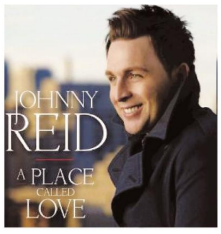
In the '70s Randy Bachman and Fred Turner got no respect from the critics, but plenty from fans. BTO's formula was simple — brief, but scorching, guitar solos soaring over galloping chord progressions and catch-phrase choruses sung with caveman bravado. More than 20 years after the band broke up in a flurry of litigation, Bachman and Turner are back. And they sound exactly the same. The songs have changed, of course. They're all new originals. But the sound hasn't.

Outstanding track: Rollin' On ● GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM



Johnny Reid
Album: A Place Called Love
Label: EMI
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The title says it all, A Place Called Love. More gooey sentimentality from this Scottish-born, Brampton-raised crooner who has somehow managed to inject enough honesty into his image to win the heart of an ever-increasing Canadian audience. Songs like Tell Me Margaret, written for Reid's late granny, will turn on the sob faucets, while Rod Stewart-style R&B tracks like Doesn't Get Better Than You will give fans something to dance to at weddings. It's meat pies and maple syrup served from a kitchen where family and first love conquer all.

Outstanding track: Hang With Me ● GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

Established stars share the Latin Grammy spotlight with new talent

The Latin Grammy nominations spread the love between established artists and newcomers, nominating songwriters Juan Luis Guerra and Alejandro Sanz in four categories each.

The nominations announced yesterday at Hollywood's Avalon nightclub also recognized new talents Jorge Drexler, an Uruguayan songwriter, and Mario Domm, the lead singer of the Mexican band Camila, who also were nominated four times.

Among the Canadian nominees are Nelly Furtado and Alex Cuba.

The rest of the nominations spanned the Latin Recording Academy's multitude of genres from across Spain and the Americas, with three nods each to Camila, reggaeton star Daddy Yankee and Uruguay's alt-rockers, El Cuarteto de Nos.

The Latin Recording Academy President Gabriel Abaroa Jr. says this year's awards competition had the most submissions ever.

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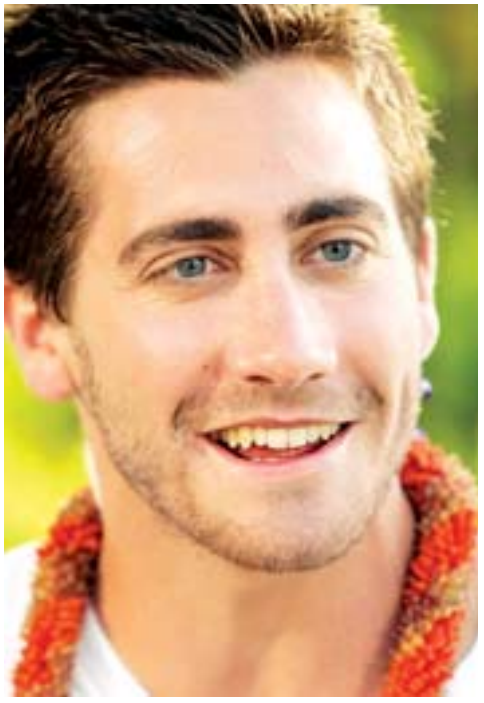


Gyllenhaal and Bilson dating?

Jake Gyllenhaal and Rachel Bilson are reportedly dating, sources tell Hollyscoop, though they're looking to keep things quiet. "They're trying to keep a low profile but they're definitely dating," a source says. Gyllenhaal famously split from Reese Witherspoon last year, while Bilson recently called off her engagement to Hayden Christensen. METRO

Serena Williams keen on Drake

TENNIS AND RAP Tennis star Serena Williams reportedly has her sights set on Canadian rapper Drake, according to Page Six. "They're hoping to fix up a meeting with Serena when he plays Radio City later this month," a source says. Being five years older than Drake, Williams may be just what he's looking for. "I love older women," Drake recently said. METRO

▶ Brad Pitt

Pitt-Jolie stake Italian claim

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt have added to their international real estate portfolio with the purchase of a $40 million US Italian mansion with 15 bedrooms, two swimming pools and a vineyard, according to the Herald Sun. Located in Valpolicella, Italy, the 18,000-square-foot property also has stables. Jolie and Pitt also own homes in Los Angeles and New Orleans. METRO

Talking points

Berry big on Dark Tide star

INTER-OFFICE ROMANCE Halle Berry has reportedly been getting cosy with her Dark Tide co-star Olivier Martinez while visiting Paris, according to People magazine. The pair were spotted walking hand-in-hand around the city before stopping for a more intimate moment. "It was the classic 'I'm going to kiss you here in a dark corner' move," an onlooker tells the magazine. "And she was waiting to be kissed." METRO

Stewart denied groping

WERE THE CAMERAS AND PEOPLE STARING NATURAL TOO? When Kristen Stewart filmed her make-out scene with Dakota Fanning for The Runaways, she was faced with a few restrictions. "Well, she was 15, and I wasn't allowed to grope her. I'm not kidding," Stewart says, according to Hollyscoop. "Everyone's talking about it like it's a huge deal but it was so natural and impulsive. And it's like five seconds in the movie." METRO

Celebrity tweets

Kanye West [@kanyewest] I feel like it's a good day for some shallow tweeting. You can cut the tension with a knife... Lighten up people!

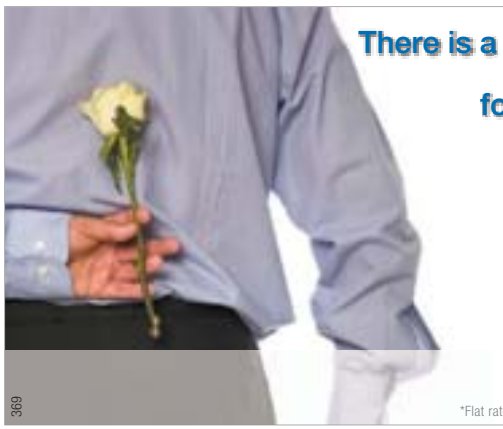
Peter Serafinowicz [@serafinowicz] It is a moral outrage that a US pastor is planning to burn a Korean.

Hulk Hogan [@HulkHogan4Real] 4am can't sleep. really. Nurses decided after 3days of meds to help rest my back I didn't need it anymore. cool, no sleep no back rst

Diablo Cody [@diablocody] Beauty tip: Exhausted sobbing can cause self-tanner to streak. Remain calm for at least 3-5 hours after application.

Momsen likes to burn balls

WAIT...NO, WHAT? While Gossip Girl star Taylor Momsen tries her hand at being a rocker, she's been freaking out the musicians in her back-up band. "Taylor loves setting things on fire," guitarist Ben Phillips tells MTV News. "I shouldn't say this. One morning, Taylor got into the studio really early — she'd just had her dog neutered and brought in the bits. Which she then burned. We were grossed out." METRO



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Understanding how to use credit is the key to managing debt and ensuring you can repay the debt you take on.

NOT ALL DEBT IS EQUAL

When 23-year-old Cate Lorimer was an exchange student attending Karlstad University in Sweden, she got stranded at the Stockholm airport.

Cate Lorimer, who studied in Europe for a year, kept a close watch on her spending while she was there.

It was 3 a.m. and with her flight delayed until morning, Lorimer didn't feel comfortable waiting around. She got a hotel room and put it on her credit card and stayed there for several hours.

"Now that was an emergency," says Lorimer, a communications major, who always carried a student credit card just in case – during her year abroad and while she studied at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont. When she was living in Europe, the credit limit on the credit card was increased to $1500; otherwise, it was $500.

"A low amount of credit is a good idea because it keeps you from going 'credit card happy' and getting into financial trouble." And she and her parents had a deal: they covered emergency spending, and Lorimer paid for any other purchases she made.

Using a credit card for emergencies makes sense, says Kavita Joshi, Director, Student Markets, RBC. Along with a student credit line, it is one of several financial tools that can help manage all the costs – and cash flow – of going to university.

About half of all post-secondary students in Canada need to borrow money in some way to get through school. "The key to being a successful borrower is to know how to use credit wisely," says Joshi. "Be sure to borrow only what you can afford to pay back. And, always make monthly repayments on time."

Choosing the financial products that will work best for you really depends on your spending habits and ability to manage your finances. If you know that you won't spend more than you can pay off each month for example, a credit card would be a convenient way to make most of your purchases and to build credit history. On the other hand, if you tend to over-spend it would be wise to always pay with cash or a debit card. A debit card has built-in discipline because you can't spend more than you have in your account. If you are paying for a larger, long-term expense such as tuition, a student credit line is best because it generally has a lower interest rate than credit cards.

CREDIT CHECK

Credit lets you buy products and services today and pay for them later. "It's important to borrow wisely and never more than you really need," says Joshi.

Sit down with a representative from your bank to discuss how credit can be used in your financial situation.

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DEBT: A CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS

Different financial tools can help you organize finances. Be sure to speak to the bank about online banking and special accounts for students.

Here's a checklist:

- ✓ *Always live within your means*
- ✓ *Understand which expenses are controllable (food, entertainment, clothing, transportation) and which aren't (tuition, rent)... and get a handle on the controllable ones.*
- ✓ *Emergencies happen. Use a credit card when you need a helping hand.*
- ✓ *If you're not much of a spend thrift, leave your credit card at home when you go shopping and use cash or debit.*
- ✓ *Before buying something unplanned, ask yourself first: "Do I really need this?".*
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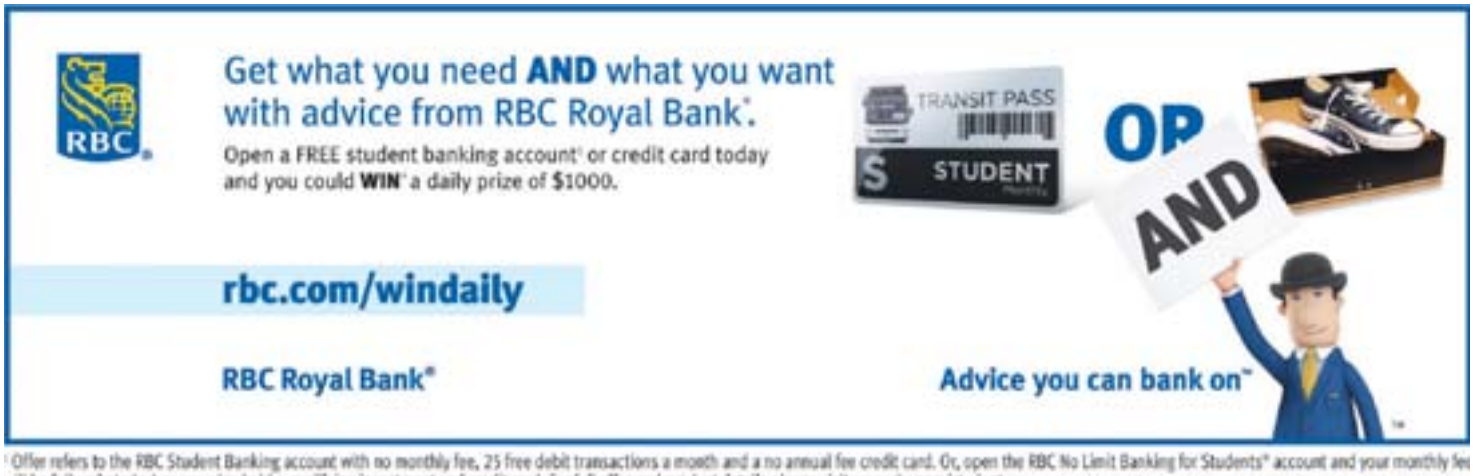

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Metro interview

When I called Christian Louboutin, he was in the midst of watching his home country, France, play Mexico in the World Cup.

"Would you mind calling me back in 30 minutes? The game is almost over," he asked with an air of distraction. France lost the game. But was Louboutin heartbroken? Hardly.

"I was betting for Mexico! I was just there. I like that country very much. They have a young crowd, a young team and they're not pretentious. I'm very happy that they won," he said over the phone from Italy where he was visiting his shoe factory. Like his football preferences, Louboutin gravitates toward the unexpected in life. His incredibly sexy heels, which have placed him firmly at the top of the designer shoe food chain, above even Jimmy Choo and Manolo Blahnik, are a testament to that.

What are your earliest memories of fashion?
I was 12. I was in Cannes on holiday with a friend and we happened upon the film festival by accident. We saw a woman being photographed by all these people. She was wearing a long dress in the middle of the day. Her hair was in a chignon. I had never seen anything like this attitude. It was a very fashion moment.

What about your earliest memories of women's shoes?
I was often with my youngest sister, who was 12 years older than I. She was walking up the stairs in front of me. She was wearing cork platforms and I was fascinated by how she could walk in those platforms up six flights of stairs. And I remember seeing the cabaret. It influenced my with showgirls. I didn't know fashion at 12, but I knew wanted to design for those showgirls.

Speaking of showgirls, you did a musical film short for the website FashionAir not so long ago. Is there a part of you that would like to be a dancer?
I've always liked to dance. When I was at a club, I was very much the actor. I was never the spectator. I really like the people at FashionAir, so I agreed to do the short. But it was really painful to watch. I was too self-conscious. And my pants were way up the ass thanks to the suspenders I was wearing.

Your shoes are arguably fashion's most coveted. Can you pinpoint a turning point in your career?
It wasn't necessarily a shift, per se, but I think that September 11th was a big moment for my company. That was 10 years from the year that I started my company in 1991. I had survived after 10 years.

Your shoes epitomize sex for many people. What symbolizes sex to you?
The voice is very sexy. And cleverness s very sexy. Sometimes people can look very sexy on the outside and be stupid intellectually. People who are incredibly flirtatious have to be funny and smart. It's the difference between eroticism and pornography. The difference is what lies between the lines. I do like suggestions. Suggestions instead of pure show. Think about low cleavage, about how it draws the eyes to the breast. It is the same with shoes. I've had a lot of women tell me that it's too much to show toe cleavage in a shoe. They say it's too embarrassing. But I'm like, "You wear sandals where your toes are completely exposed." And they say, "But it's different." I agree. It is different. It's the difference between suggestion and showing everything.

Are there any shoes that you absolutely hate the sound of?
Clogs. I would banish them from the earth if I could. I just don't think it's a pretty sound when you hear women walk in them. It's really wooden, not nice.

3 life

Branded

Gap Inc. Canada has launched online shopping in Canada with a three-in-one store that features the Gap, Old Navy and Banana Republic. With a newly built fulfilment centre in Bolton, Ontario, shoppers won't encounter unexpected delays at the border or surprise customs fees — everything is shipped Canada Post. Returns can be done directly in store and, for the launch, shipping is free. Gap Canada hopes this new site will make it easier for shoppers to find their perfect outfit, plus great back-to-school items for kids, any time of day or night.
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These 'divas' hunt and fish: Texas group help women find their outdoor niche

The next supermodels?

Each season, a handful of models emerge as the real stars among the fray. We ask top model agencies to forecast which up-and-coming girls will make it big for spring/summer '11

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The modeling industry is big business.

So selecting the girls who are likely to be the future faces of major campaigns is, to say the least, a difficult task.

We asked some of the top agencies in New York and London to predict the girls who will become the next big runway and magazine cover stars.

Here are the top five models who you will be seeing everywhere in the year ahead.

1 SIMONA ANDREJIC

Agency: Marilyn

Where you've seen her: On the runways of Calvin Klein, Chloé, DKNY and Dolce & Gabbana to name a few.

Why she's going to be bigger than big: "Simona had incredible momentum last season and will be carrying it into the upcoming months. Look for her in the autumn/winter '10 D&G campaign," says her agent Dean Rodgers.

2 LAIS RIBEIRO

Agency: Women

Where you've seen her: Stomping the catwalk for Marc Jacobs, Givenchy, Marc by Marc Jacobs, Ralph Lauren, Gucci and Versace, among many others.

Why she's going to be bigger than big: "Lais Ribeiro stars in two major fall campaigns: The Gap and Ralph Lauren Collection. Not to mention she was the breakout star of the fall '10 shows and will do even better for spring/summer '11," says agent James Tinnelly.

3 JULIA NOBIS

Agencies: Elite NY and Premier

Where you've seen her: Working it in the Calvin Klein, Prada, Dolce & Gabbana, Dries van Noten, Christopher Kane and Celine shows.

Why she's going to be bigger than big: "(Julia) shot for British Vogue with (photographer) Jacob Sutton; Italian Vogue with (photographer) Steven Meisel and i-D with (photographer) Will Davidson. She's the antidote to the glamorous and feminine curvy girls who appeared in the autumn/winter shows last February," says agent Annie Wilshaw.

4 JENEIL WILLIAMS

Agency: Premier

Where you've seen her: Walking in the Burberry Prorsum, Giles, Topshop and Vivienne Westwood shows.

Why she's going to be bigger than big: "She's been shot for i-D magazine and Love magazine covers. She's a strong woman with an air of Grace Jones. Super chic. You've got to see her at the castings to know what I mean," says Wilshaw.

5 NINA PORTER

Agency: Select

Where you've seen her: In the autumn/winter '10 Burberry Prorsum campaign and in the July edition of American Vogue among others."

Why she's going to be bigger than big: "She has something totally unique in her personality and look. This means that her shoots are exceptionally strong and emotive. She has another big campaign under her belt which we will reveal soon," says agent Susannah Hooker.

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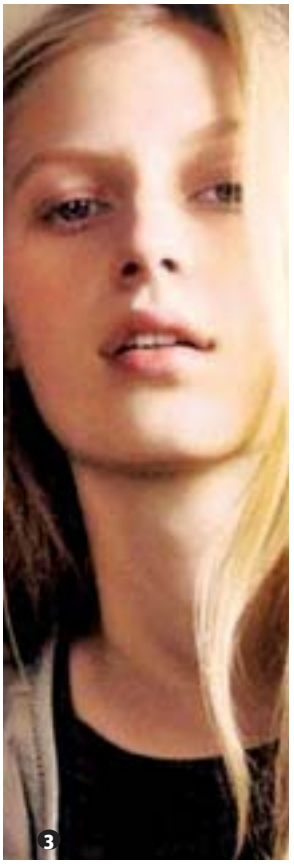

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▶ Oscar de la Renta being showcased at a New York show.

Fashion insiders pick fall's must-haves

Experts give us their favourite pieces for the fall season

Got calendar confusion?

The date says it's officially summer, but vacations are over and kids are headed back to school. And, yes, that is Halloween candy at the store. The fashion world can set you straight: It's the fall shopping season.

And it's a good one, says Nina Garcia, fashion director at Marie Claire and Project Runway judge.

"This is not a season where you have to spend a lot of money to get into the trends," she says. "It's a very conservative and classic season; everything is ladylike or minimal. It's a good season to buy fashion to keep, not a season to buy and toss."

Garcia, author of the new book Nina Garcia's Look Book: What to Wear for Every Occasion, also says there's no reason to wait until it's chilly to wear many of the top fall styles.

The ladylike pumps on her shopping list, for example, pair just as well with a sleeveless sheath as they do with wool trousers.

We asked Garcia for the must-haves on her personal shopping list:

No. 1 on her list is the camel-coloured coat that she says defines the season.

"Almost every single designer showed one," she says. "If you don't have one, it's the year to get one. It's like a pea coat; you can keep it forever."

An bonus, she adds, is that the luxe hue is flattering to a full range of complexions.

There's another coat Garcia says she covets, specifically a Burberry shearling.

"I will have one of those," she declares, allowing, though, that one will have to wait for cooler weather.

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Other experts

Three other experts home in on their favourite picks for the season

- **Mary Alice Stephenson, stylist and commentator:** Stephenson already has worn her new Lanvin leopard dress, but you can do animal-print without paying runway prices. Talbots, she says, has a leopard coat worn by Linda Evangelista in its new ad campaign.
- **Liz Rodbell, executive vice-president Lord & Taylor:** Rodbell homes in on two major fashion trends: The aforementioned sophisticated-lady glamour and urban utility. Retro-style fur coats and fit-and-flare dresses cover the refined look, as does the handheld satchel, Rodbell says. For the more utilitarian items, think anoraks, cargo pants and lace-up boots.
- **Kelly Golden, owner of Neapolitan:** With no hesitation, Golden says she wants Christian Dior's ripped-from-the-runway, thigh-high leather riding boots in espresso brown.

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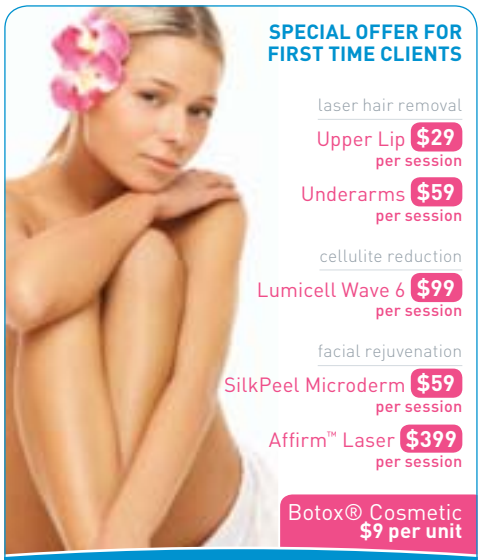
▶ A creation by British fashion designer Hannah MacGibbon for Chloe as part of her fall-winter 2010-2011 ready-to-wear fashion collection.



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Lanvin to design for H&M

Lanvin has become the latest top-tier brand to team with H&M.

The famed French fashion house has been announced as the next designer collaboration with the fast-fashion retailer.

The H&M line will be designed by Lanvin's artistic director, Alber Elbaz, and menswear designer Lucas Ossendrijver.

Both womenswear and menswear collections will be revealed Nov. 2. In a twist, the items will be unveiled through a special film slated to be launched on that date.

The collection will go on sale Nov. 23 in 200 H&M stores worldwide.

"H&M approached us to collaborate, and see if we could translate the dream we created at Lanvin to a wider audience, not just a dress for less," said Elbaz in a statement.

"I have said in the past that I would never do a mass-market collection, but what intrigued me was the idea of H&M going luxury rather than Lanvin going public. This has been an exceptional exercise, where two companies at opposite poles can work together because we share the same philosophy."

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▶ Lanvin fashion house

News in brief

Jacob won't retouch pics

MODELS. Jacob has decided to bid adieu to the practice of retouching photos to alter the shapes of models.

The Quebec-based company is billing the move as the first by a women's fashion retailer in Canada.

The retailer is publicly committing to no longer digitally altering the bodies of its models in images for both its Jacob and Jacob Lingerie brands as it launches its fall campaign.

The first images from the campaign will include three different versions of one of Jacob's campaign photos shown in stores: the raw image, the photo as seen in their advertising campaign and one that has been retouched as would have been done in the past.

Wal-Mart retires brands

PARTNERING. Wal-Mart Canada is broadening its business with the multimillion-dollar expansion of its George brand.

The retailer announced it will retire a number of its private label brands, such as B.U.M., Penman's and 725, to make one umbrella brand. Wal-Mart Canada also announced the retrofitting of more than 300 stores across the country.

Top brands partnering

CHARITY. Holt Renfrew is teaming up with a pair of top-name brands on both sides of the border to help charities.

In a partnership with Marc by Marc Jacobs, a portion of proceeds of a worldwide exclusive tote created by the label will benefit Vision Spring, a non-profit organization that provides low-cost eyeglasses to the developing world.

The charity was selected by Marc by Marc Jacobs. The totes, priced at $48, will arrive at the end of the month and will be available until Oct. 10.

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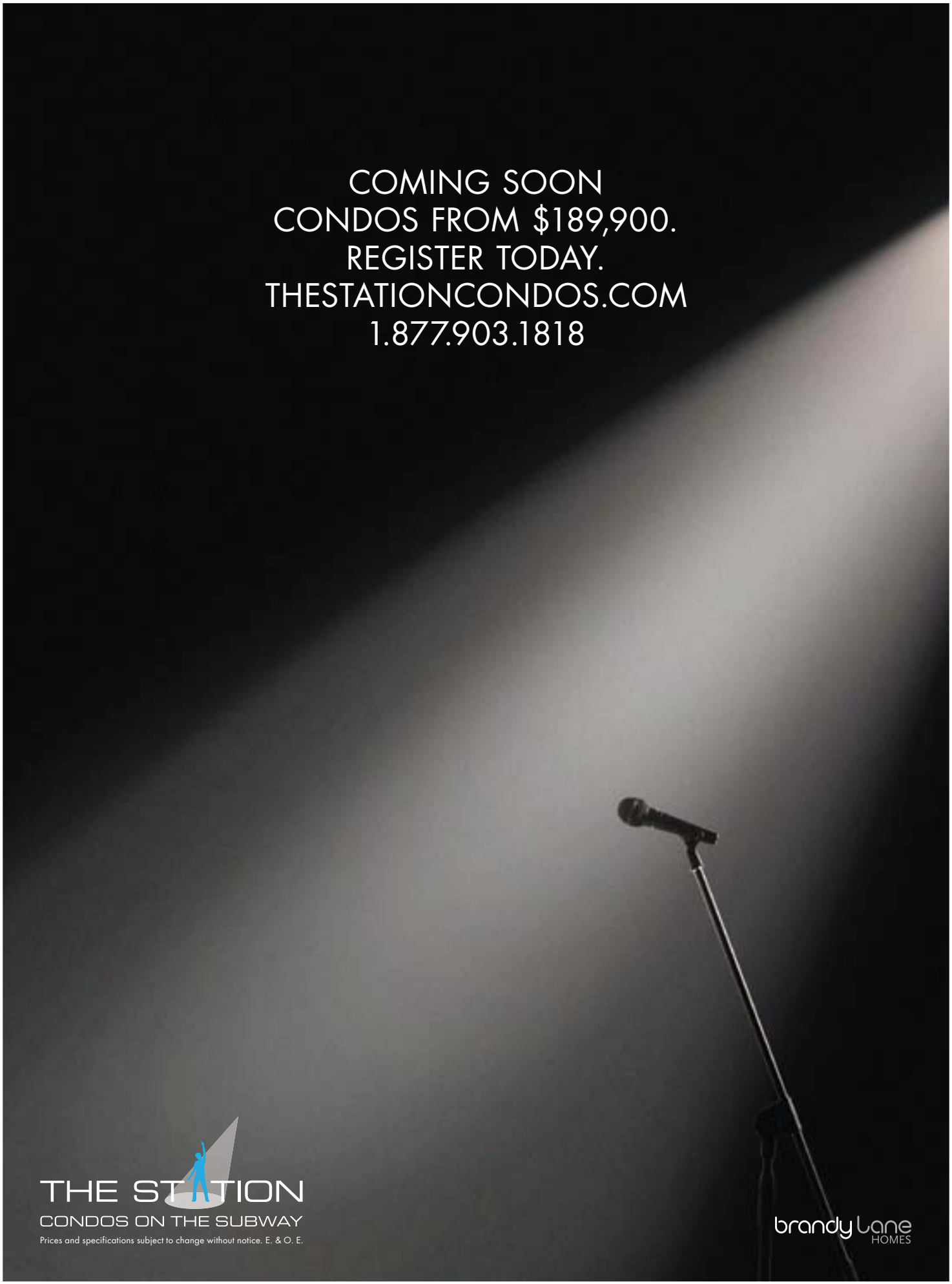
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Daniels Corporation's Woodlands townhomes in Oakville make dramatic statement with three distinct looks with warm and cool contrasts Art used as inspiration for pulling together suites

Each of the model suites at Woodlands has something for every owner.

Three times the Woodlands

SUITE TALK

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Dramatic design comes in threes at Woodlands.

The Oakville development of condominium townhomes ratchets up the drama with three distinct looks that play with warm and cool tones.

Design co-ordinator Lisa Munnings and her team outfitted a variety of different model homes to showcase how malleable each space can be to individual tastes.

"It was important for us to create three different suites to show that people are able to easily fit their own style into these homes. The overall aim that we went for was to create a design that would be flexible, something a bit modern but with a classically elegant feel," Munnings said.

Deeper tones dominate the look of two model units designed for a cooler, more modern look. Rich wood provides a framework for drama in the suite while earthy, neutral tones add a touch of elegance as well.

"We were able to create a more dramatic look with dark wood tones and espresso cabinets and we used beiges and greys with leather fabrics and accent hits. It's a very popular look that appeals to a lot of people and it's also very user-friendly because you're not tied to a specific colour," Munnings said.

In the third model unit, Munnings went for a more traditional feel with lighter shades of wood and overall tonal choices that focus on warmth and spreading light throughout the suite.

Throughout all model units the use of accessories is tastefully light, with a focus instead on artwork to tie colour choices together.

"Art is one of the most important things that you choose for a room because it really creates the feel in that room. Using art to add colour into a space is quite important and we also use art as inspiration to pull colours into the room," Munnings said.

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Whether covering an entire room or simply accenting one wall, wallpaper is a striking decorating feature that can add scale, texture and instant pizzazz to your home.

According to Canadian interior designer Michelle Mawby, principal designer of Lucid Interior Design and star of the Discovery Channel's Junk Raiders, today's top three wallpaper trends are bold geometric patters, oversized damasques, and luxurious textures such as leather and silk.

"A feature wall is always a great way to dip your toe into a bold pattern or colour, but make sure your painted walls work with the paper," she cautions.

"You can also consider using paper within wall moulding or on canvases and hung like art work."

When it comes to wallpapering, here are Mawby's top dos and don'ts:

1. Do use sparingly. Don't paper every room in your house. "Pick a feature room like your dining room, powder room or bedroom," says Mawby.

2. Do make sure it blends with the existing colour palette in your home unless you are changing the entire house.

3. Don't cheap out. Ensure you order sufficient quantities.

"It's always better to order extra. Trying to reorder the same dye lot can sometimes be a problem," she explains.

4. Don't ask too many people's opinion. "If you love it, go for it!" she advises.

5. Do consider mixing and matching styles. "Try contemporary paper in a traditional house or traditional paper in a more modern house," she suggests.

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Legal Matters

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We recently sold our home and purchased a new one. Everything was scheduled to close the same day. We had an appointment with our lawyer the morning of closing and when we arrived, he indicated that the vendor of our new home had just informed his lawyer, and then him, that he couldn't close because he owed more on the property than we were paying for the home. Our lawyer offered his advice that we should proceed with our sale and that we extend for a couple of days to allow the vendor the ability to raise more funds in order to pay his mortgage out. We are at a loss and wonder if you have any advice?

Well, the first thing you need to be aware of is that the sale of your present home and the purchase of your new home are not legally linked together. Therefore, if you considered not closing your sale so you had a place to stay while the new home was possibly ready, you are putting yourself at jeopardy of a lawsuit on the sale of your home.

Second, your lawyer should be able to give you a feeling for the proposed delayed transaction and if he had any indicators that the transaction was not going to close. Obviously, your lawyer cannot tell you without some hesitation whether he thinks you will close but there are a number of factors at play here. If the vendor's lawyer suggested that he was almost certain that the vendor just needed a couple of days to get his finances straightened out, then you are much further ahead.

Your lawyer should insist that your out-of-pocket expenses are paid as if you had moved the same day.

Extensions of closings happen more often than you might think. Best of luck with a situation outside of the control of your lawyer and remember, you have hired him to work on your behalf, to do his best to get you into the home of your dreams (so don't shoot the messenger).

TOWARD STABILIZATION

The third quarter housing market outlook came across my Blackberry last week courtesy of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the operative word is "stabilization."

Normally, when I hear the word stabilization, I assume it's what happens after a period of uncertainty and upheaval, however things don't feel all that unstable right now. It's true that the market has eased off from the euphoric levels posted during the recovery phase following the global economic crisis, but they're still humming along, albeit at a more sustainable pace.

According to CMHC, the resale market will moderate from peak levels but will stabilize by the early part of 2011 and strengthen later in 2011 thanks to improved affordability. As for resale home prices, CMHC predicts the same pattern with prices stabilizing later this year. "Recovering demand will boost prices through 2011," the CMHC news release states.

CMHC doesn't specifically comment on new home sales or prices but its housing starts forecast is reflective of the sales trend line, which means that housing starts will be higher this year than next.

Given the shortage of supply of new, low-rise housing in the GTA, combined with increasing government-driven costs such as the HST and municipal development charges, I can't see new home prices easing at all, although as CMHC points out, demand for single-detached homes may weaken in pricier Ontario markets.

What does it all mean? According to Ted Tsiakopoulos, CMHC's Ontario Regional Economist, "this transition in housing activity should be orderly thanks to improving job markets, historically low interest rates and further gains in household incomes."

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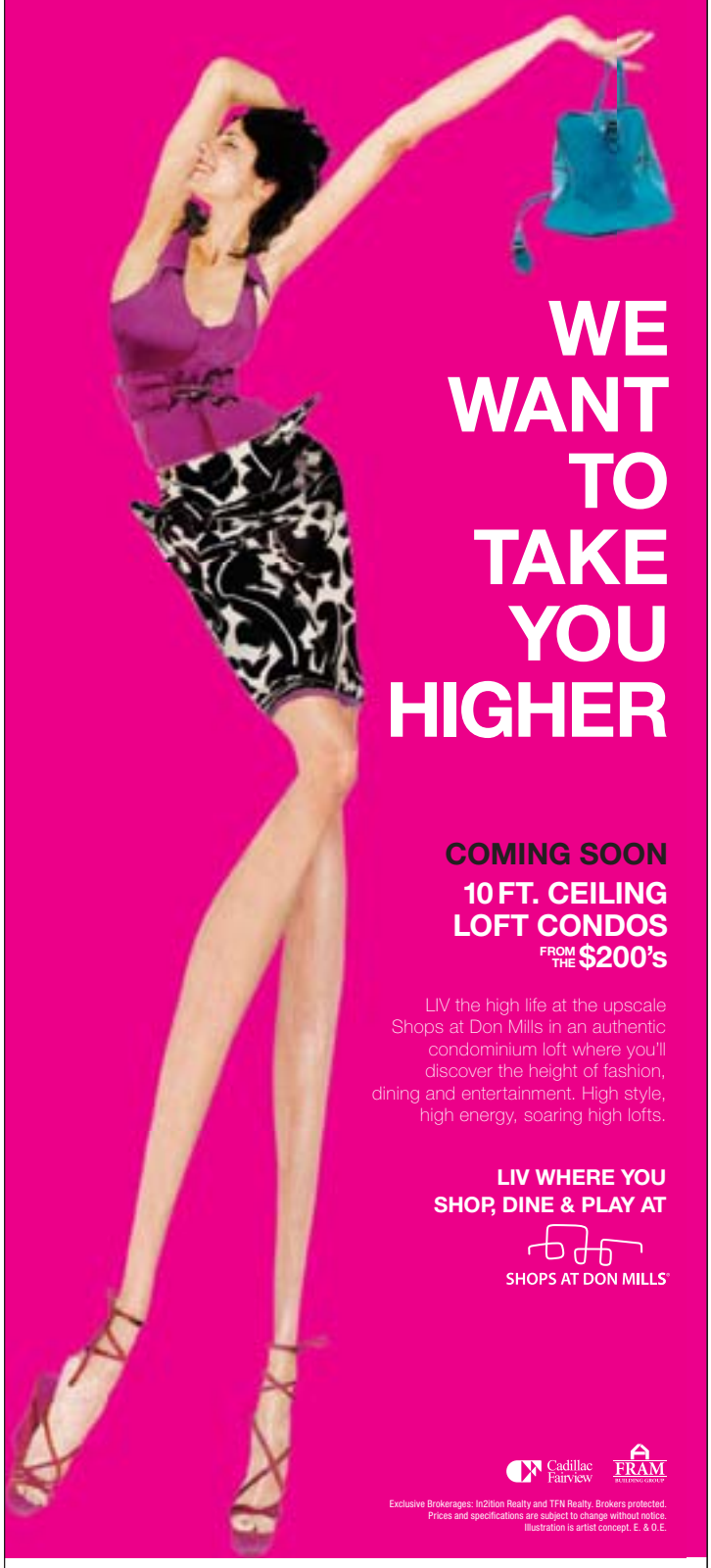

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One of the easiest ways to make a small space feel larger is to use reflective surfaces like mirror, metal, glass and shiny paint. Not only do they help to reflect light around and open up a space, they also help to add a touch of glamour to your home. Here are a few ways to brighten your space while adding a sense of glamour:

Paint all four walls with a high-gloss paint for a super-sheen, light-bouncing effect in a room. Make sure the walls are perfectly smooth; olds walls with the orange skin bumps shouldn't be painted in glossy paint.

Tip: Paint the ceiling with the same paint; it will make the space feel infinite with its endless reflections.

Wallpaper one wall

Instead of painting a focal wall of colour behind a bed or in a dining room try adding wallpaper with shine; the wallpapers these days are easily removed when the trend ends, and can add a lot of pizzazz to a room. Other focal walls to add shiny wallpaper: the mantle wall in the living room, behind the bed or behind the television in the family room.

▶ Silk drapes are all the rage in home decor.

Tip: Apply shiny wallpaper on three hollow-core doors and then hinge them together for a reflective room divider.

Use metal and glass lamps:

Whether it be a modern chandelier or a table lamp, metal or crystal-style lamps are all the rage and are fantastic accessories to any room as they absorb and disappear into the room.

Tip: Keep shades light or neutral; a dark or heavy lampshade will overpower the light and shiny lamp base.

Shiny glass tables

Add a glass top to an old dresser, bar cart or coffee table to add shine and protect the surface. A glassed top coffee table with a metallic frame will add even more sparkle to a room.

Tip: Have fun with a glass top; paint the underside a fabulous colour or silver-leaf for a glossy, custom look.

Mirrors

Look for beveled edges and metallic finishes on the frames for a way to add even more reflective glitter to a room. Large mirrors placed on a 90-degree wall to the window will bounce the natural light further into the room.

Tip: Consider mirroring the entire wall behind a large piece of furniture. This will add depth to the room and subtly open up the room.

Silk draperies and metal hardware

Silk drapes (whether real or synthetic) are all the rage in home decor and offer a nice way to add a glamourous shine to a room. Accessorizing the drapes with metallic or glass hardware will offer even more punch to the glam-factor.

Tip: Silk drapes are like evening gowns for the room; don't forget the jewelry; shiny beaded ties backs or trims will help add a opulent look to the room.

Colour them fall

That nip in the air means it's time to add some warmth to your home Season's perfect for getting organized

There are many creative and colourful ways to make your rooms more cosy, experts say.

Don't be fooled by all the attention paid to "spring cleaning," says interior decorator and professional organizer Kathryn Bechen.

The transition from summer to fall can be an even better time to get your home organized and in shape, since many of us shift our focus indoors.

The approach of fall is an opportunity, Bechen says, to infuse your space with enough colour and warmth to carry you through the winter ahead.

CLEAN AND CLEAR

Late summer and early fall are the ideal times to go through your wardrobe and kitchen cabinets selecting things for donation, says Donna Smallin, an organizing and cleaning guru whose most recent book is A to Z Storage Solutions (Storey, 2008). If you wait any longer, she says, the holidays will arrive and you won't get the donation done.

Be tough, she says: Warm-weather items that you didn't use this past spring and summer really should go.

Interior designer Mallory Mathison advises putting away the plastic and acrylic kitchen items you relied on all summer. Bringing out heavier pottery pieces and baskets will change the look of your kitchen, especially if you use them to display fall vegetables and fruits.

Sort through the remaining clutter that's accumulated all summer and get things put away. Then, Smallin says, clean everything that normally gets ignored: from light switches and light fixtures to doorframes and kitchen cabinets.

Rugs and floors should be cleaned if you've had a lot of indoor/outdoor traffic during the summer. Also be sure to clean summer bedding and linens before packing them away, Bechen says. She advises storing summer items in large plastic storage bins. If you choose opaque ones, rather than clear, label them to identify the contents.

COLOURS AND TEXTURES

There are many creative ways to bring in the warm, deep colours and cosy textures of fall, Mathison says. Some are obvious: bed and bath linens, accent pillows, place mats, cloth napkins. But there are plenty of other opportunities for injecting fall colours.

"People think of slipcovers for summer, but you can slipcover a chair with chocolate-brown velvet," Mathison says, and bring a cosy fall look into the room. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More tips

- Interior designer Mallory Mathison advises clients to swap out white lampshades for warmer-coloured ones when summer ends. "Say you have a black iron lamp," she says. "Using a toffee-coloured linen shade looks so different than a white silk shade. And it casts a warmer glow."
- You can also add warm throw blankets over a sofa or chair. "Look to what's happening in fashion" this time of year, Mathison says. "You're layering your house in the same way to feel cosy ... pulling out a cable-knit cashmere throw the same way you'll pull out your sweaters."

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Lots of food here, but nothing very special

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▶ Some fare at Cinquecento Trattoria.

Lacklustre experience at Cinquecento Trattoria

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We are directed to the counter to select dishes: Vegetarian lasagna, seafood pasta (no tomatoes), sweet potato fries, rice balls, chicken cutlet, sausage & peppers, stuffed eggplant and four salads — mesclun, green, orzo and fruit. There are also premade paninis ($6.95).

It's an exhausting and awkward setup, but you do get a good-sized lunch: Greasy, but tender chicken cutlets are filling, the salad is fine but boring, and the rubbery sausages stay on the plate.

Dinner, with a menu and table service, is clearly the better option.

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Mushroom and Chicken Salad

Ingredients :

- 125 ml chicken or vegetable broth
- 50 ml balsamic vinegar
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 500 g boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 50 ml vegetable oil, divided
- 7 ml each coriander and cumin
- 500 g sliced fresh mushrooms
- 125 ml each thin carrot and red pepper strips
- Freshly ground black or cayenne pepper, to taste
- 1.5 l mixed salad greens
- Crumbled goat cheese (optional)

Preparation:

1. In a measuring cup or small bowl, combine broth, vinegar and garlic; set aside for vinaigrette.
2. Cut chicken into 1-cm cubes. In a large non-stick skillet, heat 30 ml of the oil with coriander and cumin over medium-high heat. Saute chicken for about 3 minutes.
3. Add remaining oil and mushrooms, carrot and red pepper; stir-fry for 3 to 5 minutes or until tender-crisp. Stir in vinaigrette and heat just until warm; season with pepper.
4. Divide mixed greens equally among serving plates. Spoon mixture with dressing on top of greens; sprinkle with goat cheese, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

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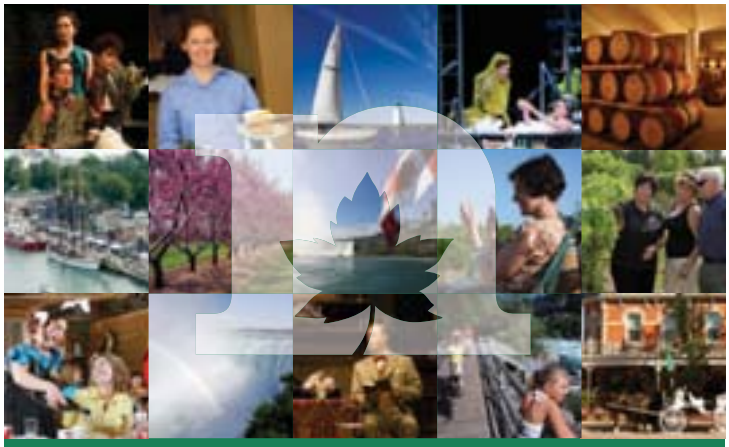

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Celebrating the harvest

Lynn Ogryzlo's heart and soul are in the region of Niagara, particularly in its bountiful harvest

It is not surprising that as a food writer Lynn Ogryzlo is intrigued with the growers who toil to bring some of the country's prized locally grown fruits and vegetables to markets and the individual farm stands often located at the end of their driveways.

"Notice how we crave the first asparagus of spring, the greens for salads in summer, savoury flavours of corn and tomatoes in August and root vegetables in winter? When we crave these different seasonal foods Mother Nature is right there when we want her."
LYNN OGRYZLO

"Eating locally is about more than food," she says. "It's about knowing the people who grow it."

Travelling the country roads, she met the growers of everything from heritage tomatoes to Sicilian eggplant and the region's famous peaches. It was her quest to capture the reason these farmers share their produce.

The result is Niagara Cooks II, A Seasonal Attitude, second of a series, with stunning photos by Ogryzlo's husband Jon (Epulum Books, $24.95, paperback).

This cookbook was preceded by Niagara Cooks, From Farm to Table.

Her message in the latest book is about eating locally through the seasons.

"When you eat seasonally, you have the opportunity to get to food closer to where it grows," Ogryzlo explains.

"Notice how we crave the first asparagus of spring, the greens for salads in summer and savoury flavours of corn and tomatoes in August and root vegetables with a roast in winter?

"When we crave these different seasonal foods Mother Nature is right there when we want her."

Niagara Cooks II has menus for all the seasons and includes profiles of growers and their families. It celebrates the influences of the burgeoning Niagara wine industry and local cheese artisans.

Autumn is just around the corner, and fresh eggplants are in abundance at farmers' markets. Be sure to check yours out.
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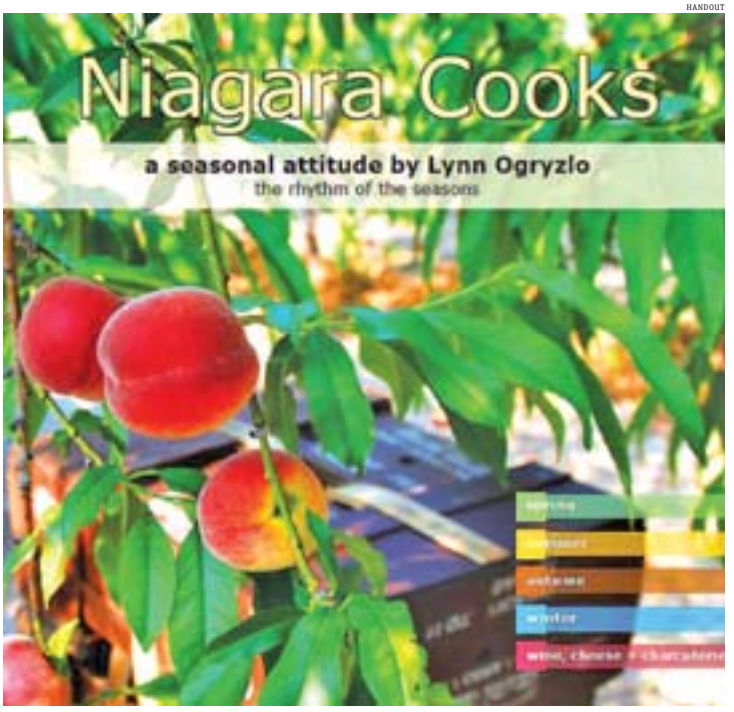

▶ Use your smartphone to stay ahead of the class this fall.

There's an app for school

Got a smartphone? Get these before you go back to class

ERIC EMIN WOODS
FOR METRO CANADA

If you're heading to school with a new iPhone or iPad, chances are there's an app or four that can help you study, find your way around campus or even figure out where to go on a Saturday night. Among the most popular on the iTunes App Store:

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CliffsNotes
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Some universities provide apps for students. The University of Alberta (*itunes.apple.com/us/app/ualberta*), Ryerson University (*ryerson.ca/rmobile*) and the University of Saskatchewan (*iusask.usask.ca*), developed apps that give students easy access to a campus directory, share the latest academic news and help them navigate school grounds.

Living in digital

Whether it's in class or after school, today's postsecondary students increasingly rely on their smartphone applications, says Ben Bajarin, an analyst with Creative Strategies.

"We've been hearing students pay a lot of attention to note-taking apps" such as the iPad's Pen Ultimate, Bajarin says. "These allow you to basically create different notebooks on every subject," replacing the former practice of having individual folders for every class.

Other apps help students organize their schedule. These are the ones Bajarin hears about most, "because students want to make the move to digital when it comes to organizing their school schedule, assignments, any resources they may tie them to a class or project, really. They're actually more comfortable in a digital system than a paper-based world."

ERIC EMIN WOODS/
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Common sense key to campus safety

RAF BRUSILOW
FOR METRO CANADA

University of British Columbia spokesperson Paul Wong says that while campuses are generally safe places people still need to take sensible precautions and make appropriate choices.

"Because campuses tend to be safe it's easy to let your guard down but the safety measures that you would take at home still apply when you get to university or college," Wong said.

Be aware of how to reach campus security in an emergency and keep a list of contact numbers handy to dial up if needed, Wong says.

While serious assaults are relatively rare on campus, thefts are definitely not, so consider taking your laptop with you when you hop out of the library for a bathroom break.

"Students fall asleep and they'll leave things sitting out all the time. You wouldn't go into downtown Vancouver and leave your laptop sitting there so why do it inside a student lounge?" Wong said.

Imre Juurlink, a crime analysis supervisor at Ryerson University in Toronto, says safety comes in numbers so always travel with friends, especially when you head off-campus for some evening fun.

ISTOCK

▶ Campuses are generally safe places, but it's important not to let your guard down, experts say.

"You're always better off with a second person around. If you go out, make sure you have enough money for a cab and if you do go drinking, have at least one person in the group who is fairly sober," Juurlink said.

Social media like Facebook can be a great way to meet people but be careful not to divulge too much information.

"Stalking used to be mostly physical, now I find a large part of that happens online. Assume that anyone can access anything you post on Facebook," Juurlink said.

Tips

Here are a few things the experts recommend to stay safe on campus:.

- Travel in pairs at night – most campuses have a hotline which you can call to request a male and female volunteer to walk with you if needed.
- If you do want to catch some shut-eye between classes, pack your belongings away and use your backpack as a pillow to deter thieves.

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Back to class in style

Model looks available at Winners. At right: Hoodie available at Winners. T-shirt available at Sears. Photos courtesy of The Canadian Press.

With their casual ease and versatility, dark-hued denim items seem to be among the go-to style staples for the kid, tween and teen set, and are among the must-haves for fall.

But while jeans remain a perennial favourite, the upcoming season sees the wardrobe mainstay getting an update.

Nancy Dennis, brand and trend director for children's wear at Sears Canada, said the look began gaining traction last year with pop trio The Jonas Brothers who are known for wearing skinny jeans.

This season, Winners spokeswoman Shannon Johnson says the slimmer silhouette is being seen across the board for girls and guys alike.

"Where you would have seen in past years that sort of hip-hop jean that used to be big and slouchy and practically falling off, that's really gone by the wayside and denim's slimming down for the boy as well as the teen boy," said Johnson.

"That really transcends up as well in terms of T-shirts, hoodies," she added. "Everything's sort of a skinnier silhouette and a little more body-conscious."

As for the hoodies, the popular zip-front sweats are boasting a wide range of graphics for both genders. For girls, Dennis said Sears Canada opted in some of its designs for all-over print - such as stars, hearts and digitized prints.

"The graphic hoodies, they're in your face. They've very bold, they're very colourful," she said.

Girls are also tapping into the sartorial influence of another teen star, Miley Cyrus, with faux leather jackets, Johnson said.

"It's definitely more of a rocker feeling with the leather, but she's matching it and mixing it with some softer pieces like little knit dresses, little Wellies," Johnson said. "Again, still keeping it very cute and age-appropriate, but there's some sort of slickness in the silhouettes in the jackets."

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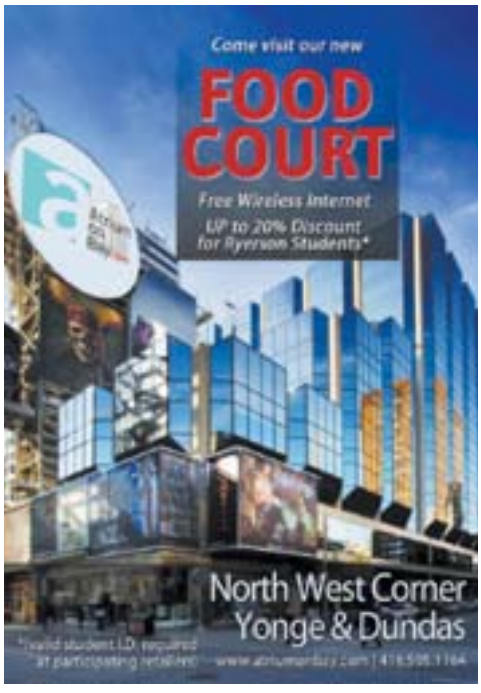

Survival guide for mature students

It's been a while since you've had to sit in classrooms and listen to professors prattle on.

And frankly, you wonder how you'll keep up with lecture notes when you have other obligations like family or a part-time job.

Not to worry. Here are some tips to help mature students survive that first year back at school:

1. Be confident about who you are. Don't compare your appearance, possessions, or status with other students.

As a mature student, you may have better time management skills and more life experience than your peers.

You also know the value of a good education and will work hard to achieve it.

2. Get organized. Invest in a daily planner to keep track of deadlines and assignments. Create a home workspace that is comfortable and free of clutter.

3. Find a student mentor. Apply for a mentor through student services. Look for someone who is also a mature student and in a higher year than you.

He or she can share first-year experiences, time management and study tips, and the scoop on professors to avoid.

4. Befriend your classmates. Having friends to confide in will make your classes more enjoyable.

If you don't connect with anyone in your class, join interest groups and associations on campus.

Being passionate about an activity binds people together.

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FOR METRO CANADA

A new school year means plenty of shiny new tech goodies, here are a few picks with features that deserve a look:

1. Samsung Galaxy S Vibrant smartphone — $499.95 alone, $149.95 with three-year contract and minimum $50/month plan with Bell

Samsung's latest Android 2.1-powered smartphone is sleek, powerful and makes a great impression in-hand.

Besides, with its bright, responsive four-inch touch-screen the phone introduces a revolutionary typing feature sure to win over new users: Swype, which allows you to input text by dragging your finger across the keyboard in a continuous line instead of tapping.

It really works — a few minutes of playing around and you'll be sending messages easily twice as fast as compared to the standard tap method.

It also incorporates a six-axis sensor for tilting and panning.

2. Toshiba Satellite T230 Notebook — $699

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Small, light and very aggressively priced, Toshiba's 13.3-inch LED notebook also sports some impressive features: Facial recognition, a hard drive impact sensor for protecting your data if you drop it and an HDMI port for showing off your Frosh Week antics on a flatscreen TV.

3. Nintendo DSi XL — $199.95

Nintendo's evolved hand-held touch-screen system also doubles as a music player, basic digicam, web surfer and even comes with a built-in microphone for recording.

Of course it can also make school commutes fun and it comes preloaded with several mind-expanding Brain Age games for free.

4. Kodak ESP 7250 wireless All-in-one printer - $199.99

A great little wireless printer that's perfect for a family (or a shared apartment), the Kodak ESP 7250 is a budget-priced printer with a full suite of features.

Best of all, Kodak's ink prices are famously cheap so you won't feel too bad about letting your roommates print their concert pics in full-colour.

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▶ Brett Favre and the Minnesota Vikings face the New Orleans Saints during the NFC Championship Game.

Can Vikings rain on Saints' parade?

With Saints still celebrating Super Bowl, Vikes come to town looking for some payback

The Saints' first Super Bowl title was so big in New Orleans that Mardi Gras, a revered local institution dating back well more than a century, became popularly known as "Lombardi Gras."

New Orleans' momentous victory over the Indianapolis Colts occurred in the middle of the city's parade season, so the Saints' celebratory ride through town with the Vince Lombardi Trophy was simply added to the lineup. In the following days, players, coaches, team officials and the trophy made appearances in traditional parades as well.

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And while Mardi Gras ended way back on Ash Wednesday, it seems as though Lombardi Gras still isn't over quite yet — certainly not by the looks of the French Quarter, where a massive concert stage has been built on the river front, overlooking historic Jackson Square.

In the hours before the defending champs kick off the NFL season against the Minnesota Vikings on Thursday night in the Louisiana Superdome, the Big Easy will host a concert featuring Dave Matthews and Taylor Swift, an NFL-sponsored parade and a citywide bash for which a number of schools and businesses have already decided to shut down.

"It's like the Super Bowl all over again," Saints running back Reggie Bush said.

Indeed, Saints owner Tom Benson will show off the Lombardi Trophy once more at a newly completed festival plaza next to the Superdome that has been named Champions Square. Then the festivities move inside the dome, where those with the hottest ticket in town will witness the raising of a 2009 championship banner before kickoff.

The Vikings would like to see the party end right about there, and they have their reasons for believing they can make that happen.

Minnesota outperformed the Saints in numerous statistical categories when they met in last season's NFC championship game and might have won if not for five turnovers.

The Vikings outgained the Saints 165 yards to 68 on the ground and 310 yards to 189 in the air. In the end, Minnesota was done in by three lost fumbles and two interceptions, the last by Saints cornerback Tracy Porter when the Vikings were threatening to take a late-game lead.

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NFL season ticket sales remain on the decline

Third down has a new meaning in the NFL this season.

Season ticket sales declined for the third year in a row as teams struggle to get fans to the stadium in a weak economy.

Depending on the final numbers, season ticket sales will be down between one per cent and two per cent, according to Eric Grubman, the league's executive vice-president for business ventures.

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Overall attendance declined from 17 million in 2008 to 16.6 million last year.

"I wouldn't say we're pleased," Grubman said yesterday on the eve of the season opener between Minnesota and New Orleans.

Grubman said most teams left their average ticket price relatively unchanged. The Team Marketing Report has not released 2010 figures.

"I believe our average ticket price is up slightly, and that is the consequence in all likelihood of opening of new stadiums," he said.

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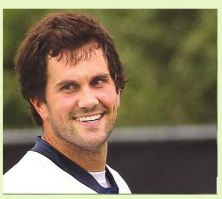

Leinart works with Texans

TEXANS. Matt Leinart is off to a fresh start with the Houston Texans.

Released last week by the Arizona Cardinals, Leinart practised with the Texans for the first time since signing a one-year deal with the team Monday.

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Jackson slated to play opener

BILLS. Buffalo Bills running back Fred Jackson is expected to play in the team's opener against the Miami Dolphins this weekend, while free safety Jairus Byrd's status has not yet been determined.

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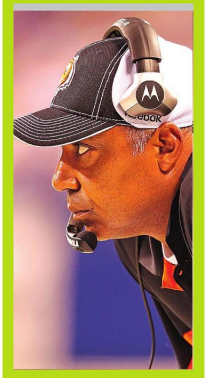

"I don't follow him because it's just a bunch of nonsense. I don't really care where he goes to eat and so forth, or who he buys dinner for."
BENGALS COACH MARVIN LEWIS, ON CHAD OCHOCINCO'S TWITTER USAGE.

"That's the coaches' decision. I'm just trying to do what I'm told."
BRONCOS ROOKIE QUARTERBACK TIM TEBOW, ON WHETHER HE WILL PLAY SUNDAY IN JACKSONVILLE.

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▶ Brady

New England Patriots
New England still should have enough to win a tight, three-way division race, particularly if the running game is better. Quarterback Tom Brady easily could return to his previous stratospheric playing level, helped by receiver Wes Welker's stunning recovery from a severe knee injury. Jerod Mayo is an outstanding linebacker and Vince Wilfork is among the top nose tackles in the game.

▶ The NFL season starts today as New Orleans hosts Minnesota (8:30 p.m.)
▶ Here are some teams considered to have good chances this year

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▶ Drew Brees of the Saints soaks in his team's Super Bowl victory in February. New Orleans' title defence begins tonight.

Who to watch

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▶ Bush

New Orleans Saints
Coming off a heavenly season, the Saints again will be the NFL's most dangerous team with the ball. Drew Brees throwing to Marques Colston, Devery Henderson, Robert Meachem, Jeremy Shockey, Lance Moore and Reggie Bush makes fans of big-play attacks salivate. Not to mention fantasy footballers. As long as the line stays steady and RB Pierre Thomas is healthy, the 500-point mark is reachable again.

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▶ Tomlinson

New York Jets
The Jets might fall shy of winning the division, but they won't be shy about anything else. Including telling you how good they are, particularly with the additions of RB LaDainian Tomlinson, LB Jason Taylor, WR Santonio Holmes (suspended for the first four games) and CB Antonio Cromartie. They will be good, probably enough so to make the playoffs as a wild card. Still, the Jets are relying on Mark Sanchez to take a huge step forward, and second-year quarterbacks often go in the opposite direction.

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▶ Rice

Baltimore Ravens
One team looking up with good reason is Baltimore, which eliminated the Patriots — at New England, no less — in the playoffs last season. RB Ray Rice had a breakout season and QB Joe Flacco made great progress. Both should benefit from the addition of WR Anquan Boldin, the most dangerous receiver the Ravens have had in years, and slot man T.J Houshmandzadeh. If the Ravens solve some issues in the secondary, which has been hit by injuries, they should be a Super Bowl contender.

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▶ Peyton Manning

Indianapolis Colts
Hard to find much to fault here. Sure, they lost the Super Bowl, but the Colts were the NFL's elite team over the 17-week season. Had new coach Jim Caldwell — talk about successful transitions — not rested his regulars in the final 1½ games, Indy might have gone into the playoffs undefeated. The Colts might challenge their 14-2 mark of a year ago if the offensive line comes together; right now, with centre Jeff Saturday's status uncertain after right knee surgery, it's a question mark.

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▶ Romo

Dallas Cowboys
Dallas is loaded in the backfield with QB Tony Romo and RBs Marion Barber, Felix Jones and Tashard Choice. Jason Witten is among the league's best tight ends. If Doug Free can handle being the full-time left tackle, the line should be solid, although it struggled in the pre-season. Rookie Dez Bryant and the breakout player of last season, Miles Austin, give the receiving corps plenty of buzz, but Bryant missed all but three games of his final year at Oklahoma State while suspended, and got hurt in training camp.

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▶ Favre

Minnesota Vikings
When Brett Favre returned to purple, the Vikings became dangerous contenders. They have all the makings with a huge offensive line, although it tends to wear down; superb running back Adrian Peterson; excellent tight end Visanthe Shiancoe; dynamic receivers Bernard Berrian and all-around threat Percy Harvin. But the offensive rookie of the year again has been plagued by migraines, and top wideout Sidney Rice (hip) is out at least six games.

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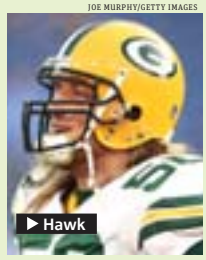

▶ Hawk

Green Bay Packers
It took Green Bay half a season to truly adapt to the 3-4 alignment of defensive co-ordinator Dom Capers. Then the Packers were dynamic — at least until Kurt Warner and the Cardinals tore them apart in the playoffs. That D should be even tougher in 2010, anchored by a rapidly rising group of linebackers (A.J. Hawk, Desmond Bishop, Nick Barnett and Clay Matthews). The main question marks will be in the secondary, which was ravaged by injuries last year, and every aspect of special teams.
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Running game a necessity for Pittsburgh

- Inexperienced Dixon starts at QB for Steelers Sunday versus Atlanta
- With Roethlisberger's suspension, team can't afford to be too pass-heavy

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▶ Pittsburgh Steelers running back Rashard Mendenhall breaks through a hole against the Denver Broncos during a pre-season game in August.

For months, the Pittsburgh Steelers have emphasized upgrading their running game. Rashard Mendenhall is determined to prove all this buildup is a lot more than idle talk.

With the Steelers starting the inexperienced Dennis Dixon at quarterback Sunday against Atlanta, Mendenhall knows getting the running game going is a necessity to balancing an offence that simply can't be as pass-heavy as it is with Ben Roethlisberger under centre.

There were a few flirtations a season ago with the Steelers' running game of the past, as Mendenhall ran for 165 yards against San Diego and 155 against Denver. Still, it was their passing game and one of the NFL's best defences that were largely responsible for the Steelers' 24 victories the last two seasons.

That's a break from the past, and a trend the Steelers almost certainly can't extend into this season — not with Roethlisberger suspended for four games and Dixon likely to be his replacement for most or all of that stretch.

"When you're running the ball, you give your defence a break and you move the chains and control the game," Mendenhall said yesterday. "It's important."

Only the last couple of seasons, it seemingly hasn't been all that vital to the Steelers.

Since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger, the Steelers have outrushed every other NFL team by about 5,000 yards. Franco Harris (eight 1,000-yard seasons) and Jerome Bettis (six 1,000-yard seasons) were greatly responsible for that. And as Bettis' career wound down, Willie Parker ran for 4,012 yards from 2005-07, an average of 1,337 yards per season.

The last two seasons, the Steelers' rushing leaders combined for 1,899 yards: Parker ran for a team-high 791 yards during the Super Bowl-winning season in 2008, and Mendenhall ran for 1,108 yards last season. With a lesser emphasis on the running game, Roethlisberger passed for a career-high 4,328 yards in 2009.

Being so one-dimensional isn't the Steelers' way, and team president Art Rooney II stressed shortly after their 9-7 season ended in January that the running game must be more efficient.

To help accomplish that, the Steelers drafted centre Maurkice Pouncey in the first round. They spent more off-season and training camp time working on short-yardage and goal-line running situations, major deficiencies last season. They also drew up a twin-back set in which Mendenhall and another running back, usually second-year player Isaac Redman, are in the backfield together, but not in the classic tailback-fullback formation.

"It gives the defence a different look, something to be aware of, and keeps them off-balance," Mendenhall said. "We can do more things out of that with Isaac since he's run-capable."

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Emerging star

The Steelers have high hopes for third-year running back Rashard Mendenhall.

- Mendenhall prepared during the off-season to get a lot more carries than the 242 he had last season.
- Mendenhall should get more carries by staying on the field on third down, something he almost never did last season.
- Coach Mike Tomlin suggests Mendenhall's role would have expanded even if Roethlisberger played the whole season.

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▶ Aaron Rodgers

Packers QB faces high expectations

During training camp, Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers noted the team has a different kind of swagger this year. He called it "real confidence."

Now that Rodgers enters Sunday's regular-season opener in Philadelphia as a fashionable pick to become the league's MVP and lead his team on a long playoff run this season, Rodgers said his own approach hasn't changed.

"I've always had real confidence," Rodgers said, holding eye contact for emphasis.

It seems like everybody else has confidence in Rodgers, too.

After spending most of the first three years of his NFL career on the bench, Rodgers faced plenty of skepticism — even from his own fans — when the Packers traded icon-turned-malcontent Brett Favre and handed Rodgers the keys to the offence.

Rodgers played well in 2008 despite sustaining a significant shoulder injury early in the season. Rodgers then led the Packers back to the playoffs last year despite taking a league-high 50 sacks.

"No. 1, in this league you've got to be able to handle adversity, and he's shown he can handle adverse situations. No. 2, you've got to be able to handle success, and he's shown that he can handle success."
WR GREG JENNINGS ON RODGERS

In two seasons as a No. 1 quarterback, Rodgers has started all 32 regular-season games, throwing 58 touchdowns and 20 interceptions. In the pre-season this year, he completed 77.4 per cent of his passes with six touchdowns and no interceptions.

With Rodgers running what is shaping up as one of the NFL's best offences, pundits are hailing him as a potential MVP. If he leads the Packers on a long playoff run, he could barge his way into conversations about the league's elite quarterbacks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brady can't avoid contract questions

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"It's not even a part of my thoughts right now. I haven't thought about it yesterday, today."
TOM BRADY, WHEN ASKED IF HE WAS EAGER TO SIGN AN EXTENSION BEFORE SUNDAY'S OPENER

Tom Brady approached the mass of reporters waiting to talk to him and asked, "Who wants to talk football?"

They wanted to talk contract.

Whether he liked it or not, Brady faced questions yesterday about entering the final year of his current deal. With the season opener a few days away and work being done toward a contract extension, the New England Patriots quarterback provided few details.

No, he said, he hadn't signed a new contract.

Yes, he loves playing for the Patriots, has an outstanding relationship with team owner Robert Kraft and owes it to the team to focus on football.

And no matter how much he knows about how close he is to a new deal, he kept that to himself. He wouldn't even say he's excited about the possibility of being with the Patriots for a long time.

"I don't assume anything anymore in life," Brady said. "I don't think anything is guaranteed to us beyond what we have today and I really feel that way."

That philosophy was driven home when his 2008 season ended midway through the first quarter of the opener when Kansas City safety Bernard Pollard crashed into his left leg, causing serious ligament damage in his knee.

"You also pinch yourself every time you walk off the field healthy and say, 'Man, at least I get a chance to go out next week and play,'" Brady said.

Brady is scheduled to earn $6.5 million US this season as part of his six-year, $57.3-million contract.

With signs pointing to an extension at least before that deal expires, Brady wouldn't say if he's confident that would happen.

"I don't know. I don't know. I have no idea," he said. "We've had a chance to deal with it (the contract) this off-season and we are where we're at. I'm excited with where we're at for this season. I think that's what I owe this team." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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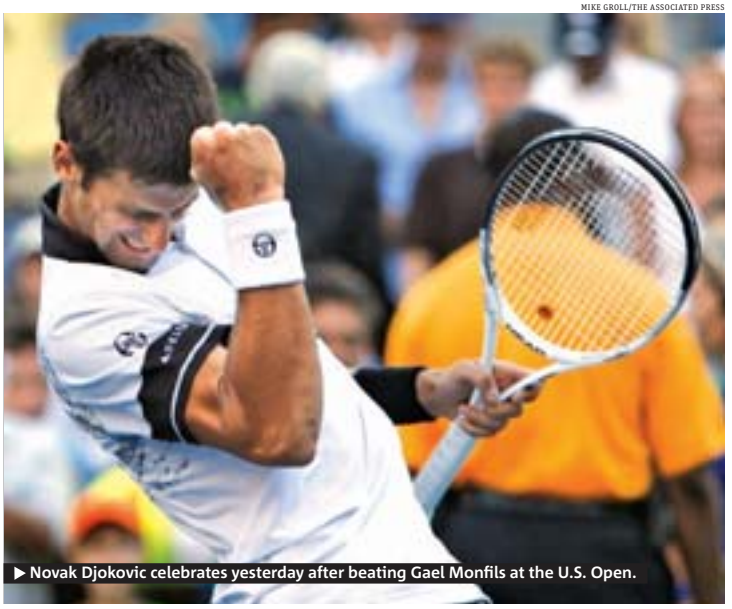

▶ Novak Djokovic celebrates yesterday after beating Gael Monfils at the U.S. Open.

Djokovic moves on to U.S. Open semifinals

◗ Serb triumphs over France's Monfils ◗ Toronto's Daniel Nestor eliminated after mixed doubles loss

A point that meant little on the scoreboard yesterday in the U.S. Open offered a clue about the difference between a player struggling to reach the top and another who's much closer.

Though a regular swing would have sufficed, 17th-seeded Gael Monfils jumped up, brought his racket around his body and through his legs and hit a trick shot — straight into the bottom of the net.

It was a telling moment in his 7-6 (2), 6-1, 6-2 loss to No. 3 Novak Djokovic — "The Joker" — who can be equally entertaining on the court, though usually more discerning about when to put on a show.

Djokovic, the 2008 Australian Open champion who can do impressions of everyone from McEnroe to Nadal to Sharapova, reached his fourth straight semifinal at Flushing Meadows. The Serb has been eliminated the last three times, including in the 2007 final, by Roger Federer, who was scheduled to play Robin Soderling later yesterday.

Djokovic fought through gusty winds at Arthur Ashe Stadium to roll to his victory and now gets two days of rest before the semifinal on "Super Saturday" at the Open.

"These are the worst conditions so far in the tournament," he said. "I don't think the crowd really enjoyed the tennis too much. We did have some acrobacy on the court."

Toronto's Daniel Nestor saw his U.S. Open come to an end. He and American partner Bethanie Mattek-Sands were beaten 6-3, 7-5 by Liezel Huber and Bob Bryan in the mixed doubles semifinal.
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CONCUSSION

Morneau hopeful of return

Minnesota Twins first baseman Justin Morneau says he's still optimistic he will play again this season even though he's been out of the lineup for two months because of a concussion.

The native of New Westminster, B.C., spoke to the media yesterday before the Twins took on the Kansas City Royals.

He said he is having more good days than bad days recently, which has him hopeful he will return to help his team in the pennant race.

Morneau was injured July 7 while sliding into second base against Toronto. He has not played in a game since.

The Twins entered the series finale against the Royals 4 ½ games up on the Chicago White Sox in the AL Central.
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Capello plans to retire in '12

England coach Fabio Capello plans to retire after the 2012 European Championship when his contract expires.

The 64-year-old Italian, who took charge of England in 2008, kept his job after the World Cup despite the team being ousted in the second round by Germany in June. But Capello said he has "absolutely" no plans to seek a new deal after Euro 2012.
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CFL EXTRA POINTS

PLAYOFF SUCCESS NOT GUARANTEED

The Calgary Stampeders are the class of the CFL through half a season, but that doesn't always indicate playoff success, especially in Cowtown.

The Stamps (8-1) have dominated opponents this year while getting off to their best start since 1996, when they built a 9-1 mark and finished with a 13-5 record, only to lose the West final. In fact, 15-3 records in 1993, 1994 and 1995 also ended in playoff disappointment.

Although their first-half record is exemplary, and at times the team has looked unbeatable, the record hardly guarantees post-season success.

BUCK'S BLUES

You have to feel bad for injury-prone QB Buck Pierce, but nobody feels as bad as the sidelined Blue Bomber. The Winnipeg free agent acquisition was expected to jump-start the team's floundering offence this year, but another injury has likely ended the 28-year-old's season ... again.

This time it's a dislocated elbow. The fragile Pierce has left 10 of his last 27 games with injuries and has only started four of nine Bombers games this season, leaving two contests with injuries. The trend isn't surprising after five injury-riddled seasons with the B.C. Lions, when his brilliant play was constantly punctuated by painful knee, shoulder and head injuries.

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CFL fans lucky enough to have attended games at Ivor Wynne Stadium can't help but get nostalgic to see 30,000-plus fans crammed into the old barn for the annual Labour Day Classic. But times have changed and modern football fans expect modern amenities.

Yes, a stadium bordering a freeway in Hamilton's suburbs won't ooze the character of Ivor Wynne, but the old girl has outlived her usefulness. The sooner the Ticats and Hamilton city council can settle on a site for the 2015 Pan Am Games stadium, the sooner Tabbies fans can join the 21st century.

GOING LOONIE FOR A LOONIE

Have you seen the Saskatchewan Roughrider loonie, launched last week? Not likely. Hundreds of fans lined up in Regina to get their hands on one of three million Saskatchewan Roughrider loonies unveiled by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Considering the passion of Riders fans and their penchant for anything with the giant "S" on it, it's doubtful you'll find one in your change. Green and White fans are quickly pocketing the collectables, minted to celebrate the club's 100th anniversary. Best nickname floated so far: "The Looncaster."

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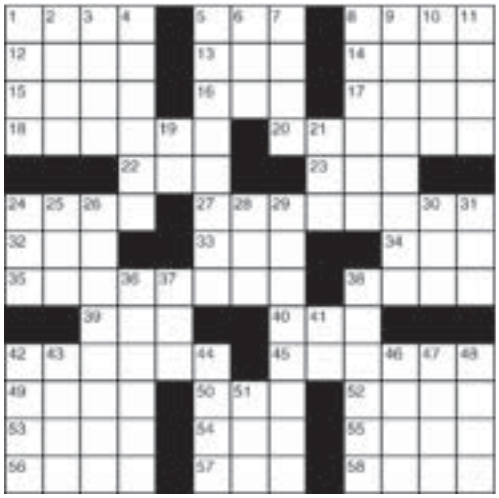

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18 Pacific discoverer
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27 Nero and Napoleon
32 Eggs
33 Greek H
34 Debtor's letters
35 1974 John Carpenter movie
38 Chess soldier
39 Blackbird
40 Commotion
42 Hardly colorful
45 Lizard's place?
49 Blunder
50 Common soccer score
52 Cranny
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55 "Unforgettable" singer
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▶ Yesterday's answer

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You want fame and fortune but you also want privacy and independence. Can you have them both at the same time? Yes you can and current aspects will show you a way to reconcile these apparently conflicting aims.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Any obstacles you encounter today should be treated as interesting challenges rather than major barriers.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 There have been a lot of upheavals of late and no doubt you could do with a rest. Today, however, you must push yourself hard one more time because there is so much you can accomplish over the next 24 hours.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You have a great deal of energy and enthusiasm at your disposal at the moment but be careful that you don't go to extremes.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 The planets seem to be throwing up all sorts of doubts and fears at the moment but the good news is they won't last for long.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You are advised not to take on anything new today, because you are doing enough as it is. It might not be easy telling loved ones and work colleagues that you can't help them but your health may depend on it.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 It is important that you stay in control of what is going on in your life. Do not – repeat, do not – let others make decisions for you.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Give 100 per cent effort in everything you do today. While others are easing off and looking forward to the weekend you should be cranking it up a gear

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 The changes now taking place in your life may not be what you were expecting but in the long-term they will turn out to be exactly what you need

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 It is part of your nature to be competitive, especially at work, but take care it does not get out of hand

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Whatever the accepted facts of a situation, if your intuition tells you there is something not quite right with the official explanation you should be on your guard. The conventional opinion is very often the wrong opinion.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 As Jupiter moves back into your sign you will get another chance to move your life in a new direction.

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